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Clinton's phone calls to Major go unanswered

Rift deepens over Adams visit to US



Clinton: he rang and then sent a letter

BY MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON, ARTHUR LEATHLEY IN AMMAN AND PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE deepening rift between Britain and America was exposed last night with the disclosure that John Major has kept President Clinton waiting for four days to talk about the Gerry Adams visit to Washington.

Administration officials said yesterday that Mr Clinton had first tried to telephone Mr Major last Saturday, the day after Mr Major sent him an angry letter about his decision to allow Mr Adams to raise funds in the United States, but the day before the Prime Minister flew to the Middle East.

Sources in Washington believe that a furious Mr Major has been trying to punish Mr Clinton for ignoring the advice of No 10 and Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, not to give the Sinn Fein president the red carpet treatment.

Downing Street officials confirmed in Amman that the White House had made contact on Saturday but that there had been no conversation. They said that the White House had been told that Mr Major was busy preparing for his trip. They suggested it had been arranged the two leaders would get in touch after his return. Government sources also confirmed that the White House had again been in touch with Mr Major's travelling party on Monday while he was in Jerusalem.

Throughout yesterday the explanation given by Mr Major and his officials was that a conversation had been difficult to arrange because of the differing schedules of the two leaders and the need to have secure telephone lines.

Mr Major, visiting Gaza City, said: "I have been fairly mobile, but the President and I speak often. If he wishes to speak to me he will speak — that is equally true the other way round. If he has been pursuing me I'm sure he'll find me soon, indeed we will make sure he does."

Mr Major and Mr Clinton are expected to hold a clear-the-air telephone conversation today, when the Prime Minister returns to London, or tomorrow.

The President's inability to make contact with Mr Major was considered extraordinary in diplomatic circles given the sophistication of modern communications. Last night it emerged that unable to talk directly to Mr Major, Mr Clinton had sent the Prime Minister what American officials described as a "conciliatory" letter designed to repair the extraordinary open rift.

However Mr Clinton's letter failed explicitly to respond to a key demand that Mr Major had made in his letter — that the President should press Mr Adams during their two meetings this week to start decommissioning the IRA's arsenal.

Administration sources said the thrust of Mr Clinton's message was that he and Mr Major shared the same goal of peace in Northern Ireland though they disagreed on tactics.

The President acknowledged the political risks Mr Major had taken to advance the peace process, but explained why he had decided to invite Mr Adams and let him raise funds. He believed Mr Adams's March 8 statement expressing his willingness to discuss the decommissioning of weapons with British ministers was an important step forward, and said America would watch closely to see whether the Sinn Fein leader followed through on it. He argued that Washington could best use its influence over Sinn Fein by reaching out to Mr Adams.

Mr Major, who was making an historic visit to Gaza to meet Yassir Arafat, insisted yesterday there was no rift. He said: "We write and we speak regularly. I have no doubt that we will speak over the course of the next few days. The President and I speak often. If he wishes to speak to me we will speak. That is clearly true the other way round."

Conservative anger over Mr Clinton's decision to see Mr Adams surfaced in the Commons. James Couchman, MP for Gillingham, said the move had struck a "grave blow" to the special relationship between Britain and America. Tony Newton, the Commons Leader, who was standing in at question time for Mr Major, underlined the depth of irritation within the Government.

He said the American Administration had been left in "no doubt" about the Government's view. "What is important is that the pressure should be maintained on all sides on Sinn Fein to engage in constructive discussions."

Mr Adams arrived in Washington yesterday to open a Sinn Fein office as a concrete symbol of his organisation's new legitimacy in America. It was "the beginning of the most significant engagement between our party and mainstream political opinion here."

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Erosion of goodwill feared in Whitehall

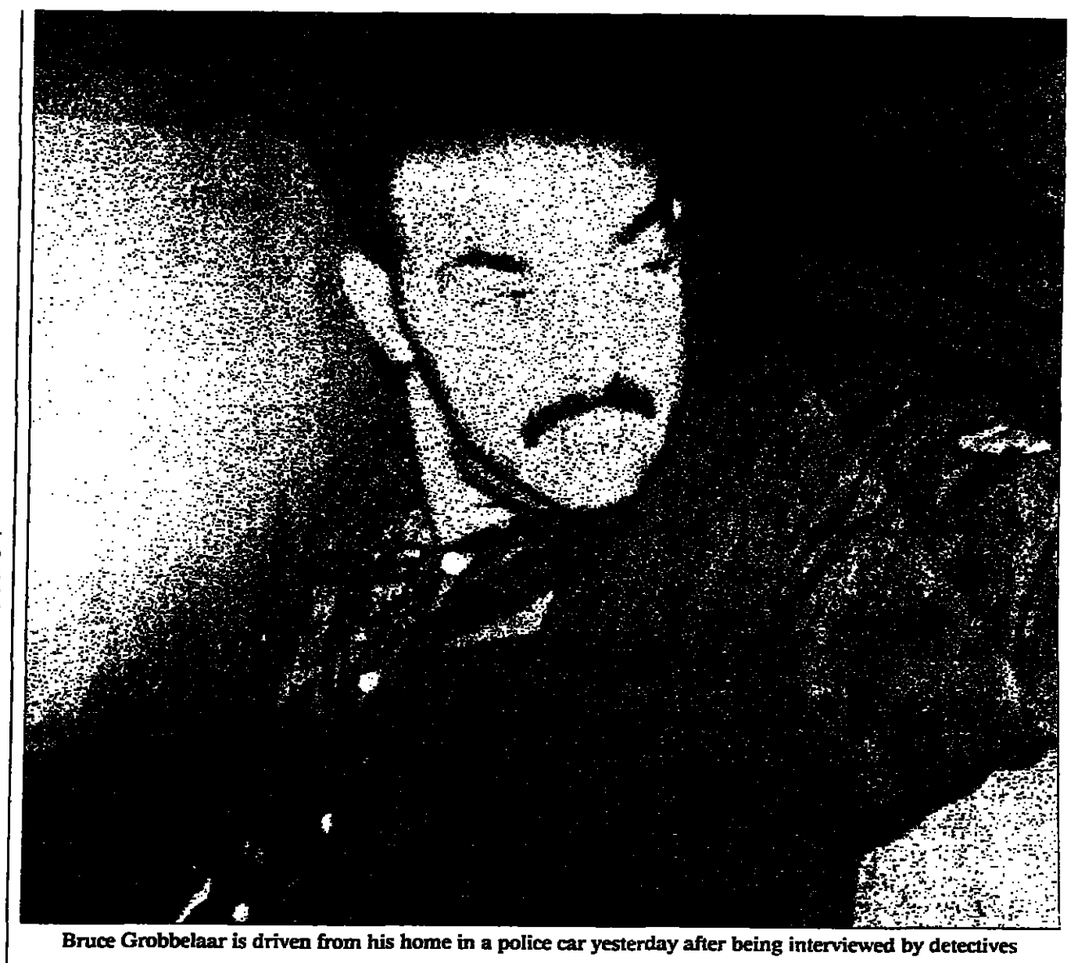
BY MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR'S angry rebuff to President Clinton over the Gerry Adams visit highlights a deepening concern in Whitehall that the row is much more than another example of a spat between friends. Many now believe that tectonic plates in the relationship have moved.

British and American interests are diverging so fast, officials believe, that it is becoming difficult to recognise the common ground that for more than 40 years made the Anglo-American relationship uniquely close. The changes have been exacerbated by the Clinton Administration, especially in the quarrels over Bosnia and Ireland. But officials believe that unless a supreme effort is made to get relations on a better footing, the goodwill that bound the two countries together may be eroded for ever.

Officials have been holding intensive talks, throughout Whitehall, to analyse what has gone wrong. The main concern is that without a solid political relationship, not only will transatlantic co-operation become more fraught, but that burgeoning trade relations between Britain and America may suffer. Britain is

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Bruce Grobbelaar is driven from his home in a police car yesterday after being interviewed by detectives

Football stars held in gambling syndicate bribery investigation

BY LIN JENKINS, JOHN GOODBODY AND STEWART TENDLER

TWO of English football's most flamboyant stars, Bruce Grobbelaar and John Fashanu were among five people arrested yesterday by detectives investigating allegations of bribery and match fixing for Far Eastern gambling syndicates.

Hans Segers, Wimbledon's Dutch goalkeeper and Melissa Kassa-Mapsi , Mr Fashanu's girlfriend, were also being held by police after a four-month investigation. A Malaysian businessman named as Heng Suan Lim, who has lived in Britain for at least three years, was arrested at his home in north London.

News of the arrests came as English football headed towards the end of one of its most wretched seasons with the re-emergence of crowd violence and a stream of allegations of sleaze and corruption.

Last night Hampshire detectives said they could not rule out further arrests. The five were held after police launched a series of early morning raids and were kept over night in separate Hampshire police stations. They are expected to face further questioning today.

Detective Chief Inspector Rod Davis, heading the police team, said the five had been arrested "on suspicion of being involved in a conspiracy to defraud, connected to allegations of corruption involving football league matches. The operation going on will expand the inquiry from that which began in Hampshire some time ago."

As news of the arrests broke, the Football Association said: "We remain convinced that corruption is not rife in our national sport. To suggest that it is can be no more, no less, than a slur on the integrity of hundreds and thousands of professional players who represent clubs up and down the country. The resent that slur they are right to do so."

The FA statement went on: "But they also know if there is any hint of corruption in the game, it must be disposed of. That is what the current police investigation is doing."

Police launched simultaneous early morning raids on the homes of Mr Grobbelaar, the 37-year-old Southampton and former Liverpool goalkeeper and Mr Segers, 33, in Hampshire and Miss Kassa-Mapsi and Mr Suan Lim in London. Mr Fashanu, 32, the former Wimbledon striker who now plays for Aston Villa, was arrested later in the day at a friend's home in Tamworth near Birmingham. Mr Fashanu, who is also a star of the *Gladiators* television series and a successful businessman, was driven to a police station in Hampshire. Mr Lim was arrested at his home in Kilburn, north London. Neighbours said he had lived in Britain for at least three years and once described

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Fashanu: television star and businessman



Segers: arrested at his home in Hampshire

400 troops withdrawn from Ulster

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Government kept up its pressure for peace in Northern Ireland yesterday with the announcement that 400 soldiers would be withdrawn from the Province this month.

It is the first major reduction in troop levels since the IRA and loyalist ceasefires in September and October last year. But the caution of Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, in withdrawing a relatively small number of troops was justified yesterday when 150 loyalist inmates rioted at the Maze Prison, Co. Down.

One prison officer was seriously injured and 17 others were wounded when inmates from the Ulster Volunteer Force got on to the roofs of two accommodation blocks. They started fires in the blocks and hoisted the UVF flag.

The riot came hours before Sir Patrick announced the withdrawal of the soldiers, from the 5th Regiment Royal Artillery. He said that the troops, who have been based at Drumadd barracks in Armagh City since last September, would return to Marne barracks in Catterick, North Yorkshire, within the next two weeks.

The soldiers, who had been due to return to the mainland next month, will remain on short notice stand-by to return to the Province if violence breaks out. The unit which had been due to replace them will remain on stand-by.

Sir Patrick, who acted on the advice of Sir Hugh Annesley, the Chief Constable of the RUC, and Lieutenant-General Sir Roger Wheeler, the Army General Officer Commanding in Northern Ireland, said he had decided to withdraw the unit as a result of the two ceasefires.

He said: "This decision has been taken solely on the basis of the operational judgment of the security forces' commanders. It reflects the improved security situation and is a further step towards normality."

The Northern Ireland Secretary added that the decision could quickly be reversed. Up to 18,000 troops are still stationed in the Province, and Sir Patrick said the Government would continue to provide Sir Hugh with as much military support as the RUC needed.

The withdrawal is the latest in a series of "de-escalatory measures" which have been introduced since the IRA and loyalist ceasefires.

Troops no longer patrol in Belfast during the day, and soldiers now only patrol during daylight in border areas.

Sir Patrick underlined the dramatic reduction in the security presence when he said: "For the first time in many years, large parts of the Province are being patrolled by the

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Retail sales fail to pick up, CBI says

BY PHILIP BASSETT AND SUSAN GILCHRIST

HIGH street sales last month suffered their largest drop since August 1992, according to the Confederation of British Industry.

The fall will have disappointed retailers who had expected business to pick up after a flat January. The CBI's gloomy distributive trades survey coincided with the first fall in profits at Kingfisher, the Woolworth and Comet retailer, during its 13-year history. Profits fell from £309 million to £244 million in the year to the end of January.

City economists, however, expect a small rise in sales volumes to be recorded in official government figures due out today along with the latest jobless figures. But many high street retailers have had difficulties in recent months, with Rumbelows going into liquidation and both Rymans and Dillons being put up for sale.

CBI leaders maintained, however, that there was no need for an "apocalyptic" response, insisting that some high street sectors were still doing well even though others were performing poorly. The CBI warned the Government against any new rise in interest rates which might further damage consumer confidence.

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Why men are not for all seasons

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

SPRING is in the air, the sap is rising, the days are getting longer and all creatures are responding to the primal urges of the new season. All, that is, except men.

A study in America has discovered what women have long suspected and men have always denied: that the female biological clock is in tune with nature and responds to the changing seasons, whereas the male of the species has become biologically "deaf" to such primordial rhythms.

A preliminary survey at the National Institutes of Mental Health in Bethesda, Maryland, has found that an increase in the number of daylight hours causes women, during nocturnal sleep, to secrete lesser amounts of melatonin, the hormone that controls such seasonal urges as migration and breeding in other species. As winter comes and days grow shorter, women's nocturnal secretion of melatonin again increases.

Most men, however, appear to have lost the ability to react to changing daylight hours and produce the same amount of melatonin regardless of the season. "Men seem to be more sensitive to artificial light than women are," Dr Thomas Wehr, a psychobiologist, told *The New York Times*. "When it comes to seasonal change, men just don't get it."

The research scientists found that, although men retain the biological machinery to respond to changing day-length, they tend not to use it.

Some scientists think that the difference may be linked to a vestigial urge towards seasonal breeding among females that harks back to a time when humans also tended to breed at times of peak fertility, in the spring and autumn. The findings may also help to explain why women suffer more from Seasonal Affective Disorder (Sad), the winter depression.

A separate study by Mark George, a neurologist at the institutes, has found that women use far more of their brains during bouts of sadness than men, which may help to explain why women are more likely to suffer from depression.

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Prescott's new clothes escape dressing down from Blair charm school

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

RIP John Prescott. The Hull bruiser is no more. In his place yesterday was a scrubbed, shiny-faced, hair-combed, shoe-shined, silk-tied, charcoal-suited New Labour clone. The Islington Reich had tamed Mr Prescott and sent him along to *deputise for Tony Blair at* Prime Minister's Questions, John Major being away in the desert avoiding Mr Clinton.

Labour's deputy leader arrived clutching his question, typed in such big, block script that I could read the first sentence from my perch 20ft above him. I knew before Tony Newton (Leader of the House, standing in for the PM) what question he was about to be asked.

Up got Mr Prescott with the dutiful eagerness of a boy Reading Aloud in Class. He *delivered his script* word for word, not a syllable, hair or cuff out of place. It was about the Greenbury committee on executives' pay.

Mr Newton replied that the PM would be studying the committee's *conclusions with* Clare. There were wrinkled brows. With Clare? With Norma, surely? "... Er, with *care*" Mr Newton stammered.

Prescott's next question commenced with the phrase, also written, "Whatever the Right Honourable gentleman may say ... " This was probably meant as an instruction from Blair's office to Prescott, to use the second question regardless of Newton's first reply — but he read it out, anyway. There being no instructions for a third question, and having survived his *script without a fluff, Prescott* sat down. Phew! No rapped knuckles in the leader's office, then.

Any resemblance between this Mr John L. Prescott and the John L. Prescott who once delighted us with his mangled syntax but plain meaning is purely coincidental. The New Prescott's syntax was plain. It was the meaning that had got *mangled.*

The taming of the Old Prescott was as significant in its way as the birth of a new Clause Four. It was — in the Hamlet cigar ad-speak beloved of Labour's new leader — a "defining moment".

A different sort of defining moment came two hours later, as our last Prime Minister but one answered questions *from the Commons Procedure* Committee about the reform of Prime Minister's Questions.

Lord Callaghan will be 83 this month. It doesn't show. The old fox is wiley as ever, but the Tories forget. He was introduced by the spectacularly oleaginous Sir Peter Emery (C, Honiton) rather as one might the special guest at a Conservative bring and buy spring fayre, and thanked in the same way: Sir Peter spoke of Lord Callaghan's "great charm"; he had "the respect — and indeed I think I say on all *sides — the affection" of the* committee.

Callaghan was questioned with about as much bite as you would experience in an ambush by a posse of unarmed seal pups. Only Labour's Tony Banks (Newham NW) dared ask what was wrong, at Prime Minister's Questions, "with giving the head of the country a bit of a bashing around?"

Unsurprisingly, Lord Jim thought we should all be more polite and warn the PM in advance what we were going to ask ... but he did not, he *demurred, "wish to trespass* on the committee's time".

"We've never had a more charming trespasser," Sir Peter gushed.

We rushed from the stale air of the committee room, fighting for oxygen. Thank heavens for the impieties of PMQs! Thank heavens for the vulgarity of the Commons chamber! Thank heavens for Baroness Thatcher's letter on the committee's desk, politely telling them a Prime Minister is perfectly capable of standing up to the onslaught, and advising them to let well *enough alone.*

Mark my words, they will.

Lords inflict defeat on ministers over ex-wives' pensions

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Government was defeated in the Lords last night over arrangements for giving divorcees a share of their former partners' pensions.

Payments to ex-wives are likely to be deducted at source from pension funds, rather than left to divorced pensioners to hand over, after a Labour amendment was carried by 178 votes to 173. The Government later suffered a further defeat when peers voted by 191 to 145 to restore war widows' pensions to those widowed or divorced for a second time.

Ministers have had to climb down over ex-partners being eligible to part of a pension after pressure from the Lords. After a Government Lords amendment yesterday, they will ask courts to take pensions into account when dividing assets, which could affect up to 200,000 couple a year.

Baroness Hollis of Heigham, a Labour Social Security spokeswoman, said in the report stage of the Pensions Bill that it would be irresponsible not to go one step further. She said that to require pensioners to make the payment to ex-partners would create the sort of problems that had beset the Child Support Agency.

A department spokesman said afterwards that ministers would "seriously consider the implications" of the vote, which will have to be overturned by the Commons if it is not to become law.

Lady Hollis told the Lords: "*The pension scheme, and not* the husband, should provide the deferred maintenance. Our amendment would ensure that that portion would flow securely to the wife without asking an elderly lady of 75 to pursue her husband as a litigant through the courts, clogging up the system, demanding legal aid, and causing immense and unnecessary distress to all parties. This amendment would significantly improve the financial position of some women facing divorce.

"In future, a woman will have the right to share in the pension to which she contributed during her marriage and not have to chase her former husband through the courts if he fails to pay. Many divorced wives faced an old age of loneliness, poverty and increasing desperation.

"Which do you think is more likely to ensure the court's decision of a flow of income support on retirement to the spouse? The first husband or the pension fund? Trust your experience." Lord Mackay of Ardbrecknish, the Social Security Minister, said the Opposition amendment would cause cumbersome administrative burdens to pension funds and would penalise pension fund holders. "Pen*sion schemes would be faced* with the additional cost of processing two lots of pension payments instead of one."



Lady Hollis: "many face desperation"

Baroness Seear, spokeswoman for the Liberal Democrats, who supported the amendment, said: "It is common justice that a woman should receive an appropriate share of a pension when she has contributed to her husband's career during married life." The Bill, which equalises the state retirement age at 65 and puts in place safeguards against a repeat of the Maxwell pensions disaster, has caused problems throughout its passage in the Lords. Last month peers forced the Government, in another Labour amendment, to increase the Serps element of state pensions.

On war widows, Lord Freyberg, 25, the crossbencher who moved the amendment and who has been championing their cause since he arrived in the Lords two years ago, said: "These women have no pension at all, they are in severe financial difficulties.

"Across the rest of Europe all war widows get a better deal. In Britain they are expected to choose between the possibility of a new marriage and happiness and the benefit of a continuous pension. This is a cruel choice."

He said there were only 48,000 war widows left from 112,000 20 years ago. Eighty per cent were over 70 years old and so were a decreasing burden on the State.

The Government only narrowly defeated a Labour amendment calling for shared pensions for partners of Alzheimer's disease sufferers after Lord Mackay promised that Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, would take a "serious" look at their situation.

The whole of the sick person's occupational pension *can be taken by local authori*ties to pay for care, leaving the spouse living on state benefits. Baroness Hollis said: "These are some of the most distressing circumstances that I have come across. These women would be better off if their husbands were dead. While he lingers on she suffers in deep financial distress."

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The actress Felicity Kendal, took her son Jacob Rudman, 7, to Buckingham Palace yesterday when she received the insignia of the CBE for services to drama

Troop reduction indicates confidence in peace move

BY MICHAEL EVANS AND NICHOLAS WATT

THE announcement yesterday that 400 soldiers are to be withdrawn from Northern Ireland represents the first significant cut in troop levels in the province since the IRA and loyalist ceasefires were *declared six months ago.*

The decision indicates a growing confidence in both the Army and the Royal Ulster Constabulary that security improvements in the Province can be matched by a smaller military force. Although the withdrawal, reducing the military presence to about 18,000, is largely a political move, there seems little doubt that the role of the Army in Northern Ireland will diminish if the ceasefire is maintained and peace negotiations make some headway.

In recent years, resources have been stretched to maintain the military presence at a high level while Britain has taken on peacekeeping commitments in Bosnia and elsewhere. As a result, Army units trained for armoured or artillery duties have had to be sent to the Province in an infantry role.

The primary role of the unit *being withdrawn from Ulster,* 5 Regiment Royal Artillery, is to operate the multiple launch rocket system, which proved successful in the Gulf War.

Being committed to Northern Ireland for a six-month tour meant in effect that the regiment was removed from its primary function in the Army for about a year, because of the need to retrain for Ulster.

Another Army unit was training to replace 5 Regiment Royal Artillery but will be put on short notice standby to be sent in the event of a breakdown in security.

The reduction in troops was recommended by Sir Hugh Annesley, RUC Chief Constable, and Lieutenant General Sir Roger Wheeler, General Officer Commanding Northern Ireland.

The withdrawal of the first major unit comes at a time when the role of the Army in *Northern Ireland has been* transformed. In many areas, troops are rarely seen after the Army and RUC introduced a series of "de-escalatory measures" in response to the ceasefires.

The dramatic reduction in security patrols has confined thousands of troops to barracks. With not a shot fired at a soldier since the ceasefire, the troops have been engaged in "peacetime" training at the two ranges in Ulster — at Magilligan in Co Londonderry and at Ballykinler in Co Down. They have also had more time for sport and leisure.

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Churchmen condemn move to 'out' Hope

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE 36 archbishops and bishops who head the Anglican Communion worldwide yesterday condemned the "repre*hensible intrusion" into the* private life of the Bishop of London, Dr David Hope.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, led the support for Dr Hope, who said that his sexuality was a "grey area" after he was pressed by gay activists to "out" himself.

In a letter signed by the leaders of the Anglican Communion, who represent 70 million Anglicans in 160 countries, Dr Carey praised the work carried out by Dr Hope in his diocese. He added: "In the light of news reports that have reached us, we express to *you our solidarity in deploring* this reprehensible intrusion into your private life."

The church leaders are meeting at Windsor for retreat, Bible study and to discuss issues facing the Anglican Church worldwide. Their letter to Dr Hope continued: "We assure you as a body that we stand against this kind of provocation.

"Your ministry in the demanding post ... is appreciated by the whole Church."

In a separate move, the Bishop of Southwark, the Right Rev Robert Williamson, said he would be happy to ordain a priest who was openly homosexual "as long as that relationship was stable".

Yesterday's letter, drawn up during the week-long meeting of the primates, is likely to strengthen the growing oppo*sition to the tactics employed* by Peter Tatchell, who heads OutRage! and who "outed" ten bishops at the General Synod last November.

Dr Hope, who is celibate, received a letter from Mr Tatchell urging him to admit publicly he was homosexual. Dr Hope, 54, condemned the OutRage! campaign this week as "profoundly disturbing" and "based almost totally on rumour, unattributable sources and of an intimidatory nature".

Last night, Mr Tatchell accused the bishop of misrepresenting his letter.

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Stars held

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himself as a student. Mr Grobbelaar's links to allegations of match fixing were first made public last November by Chris Vincent, a business associate and friend. He claimed that the Far East betting syndicate made £3 million out of the match between Liverpool and Newcastle tie in 1993 in which Mr Grobbelaar's Merseyside team lost 3-0.

The goalkeeper strenuously denied the allegations but the FA charged him with bringing the game into disrepute and accepting pecuniary advantage to guarantee match results. However, they did not suspend him. His lawyers lodged his defence in December.

Yesterday morning at 6.55am, four detectives arrived at his rented £90,000 semi-detached cottage at Lymington on the edge of the New Forest. At the same time other officers arrested Mr Segars at his home in Fleet, 55 miles away. Other Hampshire police travelled overnight to London for the arrests of Miss *Kassa-Mapsi, 29, at her home* near Lord's cricket ground, and the Malaysian businessman.

Mr Grobbelaar, 37, looked shocked and disorientated as he was led from his home by two male and two female detectives who had spent an hour interviewing him in his cottage and searching through his private papers.

Mr Grobbelaar, dressed in green jacket and casual trousers, was driven away in the back of an unmarked police car and taken to Southampton Central police station for questioning. Later David Rawlinson, of Mr Grobbelaar's Liverpool based solicitors, said: "Bruce has co-operated fully with Hampshire police throughout the inquiry into allegations which he has consistently and strenuously denied."

Mr Segers was questioned for three hours at his home before being driven 35 miles to Eastleigh police station. Detectives team took away boxes of documents and papers and Mr Segers looked relaxed as he left.

At Wimbledon FC Joe Kinnear, manager, said that the news of Segers's arrest came "out of the blue" in a 9 o'clock telephone call. "I have not been able to contact Hans," he told reporters at the ground. "As you can see he is not here at training."

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Whitehall fears loss of goodwill

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the largest European investor in the United States, and America holds that same position in Britain.

Whitehall has identified factors suggesting that the present rift may herald a long-term divergence. They include the growth in neo-isolationism in the United States, the changing demographic balance with the rise of Asian and Hispanic groups and the relative decline of those from Anglo-Saxon stock, the movement of the population south and west and the greater focus on the Pacific.

Moreover, with the passing of the wartime generation and the end of the Cold War, the political and emotional bonds are also weakening. The foundations of the special relationship — a common heritage of culture, language and values — can no longer be taken for granted.

There are worries also that Britain in increasingly seen in America only of value as a member of the European Union. America has come to accept that the EU will speak with one voice on trade negotiations or foreign policy, and pays less attention to British views in isolation. Both Mr Clinton and former President Bush have paid as much or more attention to France and Germany than to Britain, officials here believe.

But in two areas co-operation is still unparalled: defence and intelligence. But these are less vital after the collapse of Communism in Europe, and are overshadowed increasingly by divergent world views. Continuing disagreement, especially with Congress, over Bosnia-Herzegovina has been largely to blame.

The row over Mr Adams's visit is not unprecedented. Even in the Reagan-Thatcher heyday, there were sharp disagreements over the Soviet gas pipeline to Europe, the American invasion of Grenada, President Reagan's readiness at Reykjavik to scrap nuclear weapons, and the long-standing row over American extra-territorial legislation affecting American-owned companies in Britain. There were, and still are, secondary quarrels about Brit*ish relations with Cuba, air* transport services, American attitudes to Argentina and unitary taxation.

What has changed now is that the British Government is now more ready to speak out. Previous quarrels were always played down for fear of antagonising Washington or losing the unique access to American decision-making at an early stage. The Govern*ment values this early input,* but now believes, at least with the Clinton White House, that the present Administration neither cares what others think nor listens to hushed diplomacy. Playing hardball is an American political metaphor; it is a game John Major is learning fast.

Troops out

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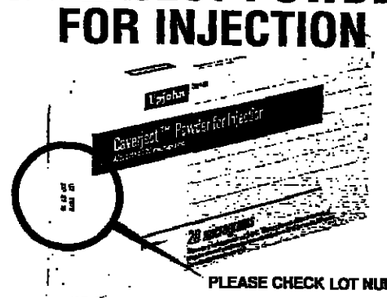
RUC without direct Army support. These steps have been accompanied by a number of other measures which have combined to reduce significantly the impact of the security situation on the people of Northern Ireland."

Despite his comments that his decision was an operational one, the withdrawal will be seen as an important signal to Sinn Fein as the party prepares for the next round of exploratory talks with Government officials in Belfast this week. Sinn Fein, which has toughened its stance on the decommissioning of IRA weapons in recent days, welcomed the announcement.

Gerry Adams, the party's president, said in Washington: "Any move to demilitarise and decommission the British presence is important. It is a bit belated. I would like to see *all the troops permanently* removed."

The decision was given a guarded welcome by the Ulster Unionist Party. Ken Maginnis, the MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone who is the party's security spokesman, said he was content that up to two battalions could be withdrawn to mainland Britain. Seamus Mallon, the deputy leader of the SDLP, said the withdrawal of the troops showed the Government believed that the peace was intended to be permanent.

Last night after the prison riot, one officer was in a serious condition and 50 others had to be taken off duty suffering from injuries, smoke inhalation and stress.

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It was an execution and you were proud of it, judge tells killer

Widow cleared of husband's murder as man is jailed

THE widow of a Sicilian drugs dealer broke down in tears before an Old Bailey jury yesterday as she was cleared of his murder. Her brother was convicted of the Mafia-style execution and jailed for life.

Sebastiana Ranno, 33, was acquitted of involvement in the killing of her wealthy husband at their home in south London. Domenico Ranno, who ran two London restaurants was shot dead with his own pistol by Domenico Finocchio, who grinned at the jury as he was led to the cells last night.

The jury agreed that Mrs Ranno knew her husband was to be shot and that she had tried to cover up afterwards. But the judge directed them that Mrs Ranno's "silent, tacit acquiescence" in the plans by her brother to murder her unfaithful husband did not make her guilty of murder.

To convict, he told them, they had to be sure she had instigated, encouraged and persuaded him.

At the murder scene, police found a brightly coloured love bird with a broken neck. The jury rejected the prosecution claim that Mrs Ranno had solicited her brother to carry out the killing because he had been unfaithful.

However, she was still sentenced to two years' imprisonment after admitting conspiring to pervert the course of justice. The charge concerned an attempt to interfere with a witness in a robbery case against her brother. She was cleared of soliciting the murder of the witness. Judge Brian Capstick told Finocchio: "You have been found guilty on overwhelming evidence of the cold-blooded murder of your brother-in-law. It was an execution and you were proud of it."



Domenico Ranno: sold kilos of cocaine



Finocchio: used victim's own gun

Finocchio, 46, has already served 19 years in jail for offences in Italy and the jury accepted he had killed his brother-in-law because he did not like the man and knew he had large amounts of cash and jewellery at his home in Kennington. Mrs Ranno is expected to be released shortly as she has already served most of her sentence while awaiting trial in custody after her husband's death in November 1993.

Mrs Ranno had been married to her husband since she was 16. They eloped because their families did not approve and came to live in England 12 years ago, said Julian Bevan, QC, for the prosecution.

The jury were played secret tapes made by a family friend who went to the police after Ranno's death. The witness, who has been given a new identity and was known to the court as John Cornwall, captured Finocchio boasting about the killing.

On one tape Finocchio said: "With the first blow I got him, bang. He fell to the ground. With the second I ran out. I told him farewell and I will see you in the next life to come. He got what he deserved."

He continued: "Ranno was speaking on the phone when it happened. He did not realise anything when his handgun disappeared. He could not imagine I would do such a thing.

"I entered the house quietly, he was in the kitchen and 'boom boom' with a smile on my face. I bumped him off. I shot him without the silencer."

Mr Bevan said the taped conversations showed "Dominico was a very boastful individual who bragged about the way he eliminated his brother-in-law".

The court heard that the murder victim was heavily embroiled in the London underworld. Ranno used his two restaurants, Donna Ina One and Donna Ina Two, as fronts for drug dealing.

The man known as John Cornwall said: "He sold one kilo of cocaine every one or two weeks, with a single deal sometimes totalling £60,000."

The court was told that Finocchio hated the way his brother-in-law treated his sister and disliked Ranno. Ranno had treated him "like a shop boy" and expected him to sleep above a restaurant with waiters.

Finocchio was convicted of Ranno's murder as well as the robbery of Alberto Patterson and conspiring to pervert the course of justice. Finocchio's younger brother Sebastiano was convicted of attempting to interfere with witnesses in the Patterson case, the conspiracy offence admitted by Mrs Ranno. He was jailed for 21 months. All three were cleared of conspiring to murder Mr Patterson.



Sebastiana Ranno tried to cover up after her brother murdered her husband

Curtain comes down on play Fry abandoned

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE producer of the West End play *Cell Mates* yesterday blamed Stephen Fry's dramatic exit from the production for its early closure. The curtain at the Albery theatre will come down for the final time on March 25, a month after the actor walked out reportedly because of wounding reviews.

Duncan Weldon, director of Triumph Proscenium Productions, said Fry "has a lot to answer for". Losses will total about £300,000, which will be covered by insurance if the actor proves to have been ill. He added that the play's backers were "reserving judgment on suing".

Mr Weldon said: "*Cell Mates* was scheduled to run for 13 weeks in London and no doubt it would have done so successfully had we not had this problem, because the takings on the road at Richmond and Guildford were phenomenally good and the first week in London, in which Stephen Fry appeared, was capacity and we were holding an extremely heavy advance.

"There is no reason to suspect that we would not have played to virtual capacity for the total run, particularly in view of the fact that it was a limited season of 13 weeks." Mr Weldon added.

In the past two weeks *Cell Mates* has played to houses of less than 20 per cent capacity, rising to 50 per cent on Saturdays. Simon Ward took over Fry's role as the spy George Blake. Rik Mayall co-stars as the man who helped Blake to escape from prison.

When Fry first disappeared there was concern that he had suffered a nervous breakdown. Later, from his retreat on the Continent, he faxed a letter denying that he had "done a Lord Lucan" and said he feared the critics had been right to question his acting ability.

One source observed that, after initial sympathy, many were saying that Fry should have behaved in a more professional manner. The play's author and director, Simon Gray, has accused Fry of behaving "in the most cowardly fashion" and said people should not waste their sympathy on his "squalid little story".

Philip Hedley, artistic director of the Theatre Royal, Stratford East, said: "This is one of the few occasions where you cannot say there is no such as thing as bad publicity."

He said that the theatrical world was divided between those who were sympathetic to Fry, particularly because he found it difficult to turn down requests for help from any good cause, and those who talked about a lack of "professionalism".

Mr Hedley questioned the merits of comedians becoming actors without formal training. "Are some of them actors or just playing themselves? Does it mislead the public in that they expect the actor to be doing the usual stand-up act only to discover they are in a play?"



Fry: disappeared after poor reviews

Benedict Nightingale, the *Times* theatre critic, said that *Cell Mates* would almost certainly have completed its run successfully because of the attraction of Fry and Mayall, regardless of the play's merits.

Michael Frayn, in whose play *Look, Look* Fry appeared in 1990, said: "I can only assume he was under the stress of extreme anguish. People do behave in uncharacteristic ways when they are pressured."

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Student dies trying to revise all night

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A STUDENT died when an experiment to control his sleep patterns so that he could study longer went wrong. Iain Fraser, 20, used chloroform to knock himself out after afternoon lectures at Edinburgh University so that he could wake up later and study through the night.

The third-year science and engineering student was believed to be under pressure with the finals examinations for his BSc looming. Friends said Mr Fraser, from Inverness, had talked about staying up all night to study. He hatched his elaborate plan to take the anaesthetic drug to try to restrict his sleep.

Mr Fraser, a former pupil of Charleston Academy, is thought to have obtained the substance from the university laboratories. His body was found on his bed by his flatmate, Colin McCloy. Paramedics tried to revive him but he was confirmed dead at the scene.

A spokesman for Lothian and Borders police said: "It appears to have been a tragic accident. There are no suspicious circumstances." Police ruled out suicide after learning of Mr Fraser's plans to stay awake to study.

One fellow student said: "Being in his line of study he must have known about the drug and presumably he must have thought he knew what he was doing. Using chloroform to try to control sleeping patterns is not done on the spur of the moment."

Britain's oldest person spurns champagne

THE oldest person in Britain celebrates her 112th birthday today. But Annie Scott will not be toasting the occasion with champagne. According to her son Tom, she has never let a drop of alcohol pass her lips (Gillian Bowditch writes).

Mrs Scott, who lives in a home in the remote village of Reay in Caithness, puts her longevity down to healthy living. "Live well, help others and have plenty of friends," she says.

Mrs Scott has never smoked and her favourite food is salad. But she does have her vices. "She loves butter, and salt on everything," says Mr Scott. "The doctors cannot be right all the time."

Mrs Scott, who worked as a teacher, was brought up in Dungannon, Co Tyrone. Born in 1883, two days after Marx was buried, she can remember the Easter Uprising in 1916. Her wish is to live to see peace in Ireland.

Tom Scott says: "We used to live right on the border, between northern and southern Ireland in what has effectively become bandit country. I've told her about the ceasefire. I'm not sure how much of it she understands."



Jeeves: angered by game of football

Neighbour who shot boy jailed

BY RICHARD DUCE

A WORD of remorse could have saved a neighbour from jail after he used an airgun to shoot an eight-year-old boy trying to retrieve his football.

Judge Lowry said that Gordon Jeeves's refusal to apologise for the shooting, which left the child bleeding from an ear, gave her no alternative but to jail him for 12 months.

Jeeves, 34, was convicted by an Old Bailey jury of wounding the boy outside his home on a council estate in World's End, Chelsea, southwest London. "There has been no sign of regret or remorse from him at all," Judge Lowry said.

The court was told that Jeeves's elderly mother, who had often been upset by children on the estate, objected to their playing football beneath her flat. When a ball lodged in scaffolding against the wall, Jeeves fired twice as the boy tried to retrieve it.

Sappho Diaz, for the defence, said Jeeves planned to appeal against his conviction.

Misdiagnosis 'led to GP's stabbing'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A MAN stabbed a doctor to death in revenge for failing to diagnose his sister's cancer, a court was told yesterday.

As Andrew Wylie plunged the knife into Dr Donald MacKay, the doctor's daughter Laura, 25, a receptionist in the practice at Airdrie, Strathclyde, hauled him off by the hair and grappled with him before he escaped, the High Court in Glasgow was told.

Mr Wylie, 33, who has been committed to the State Hospital at Carstairs, denies murdering Dr MacKay in his surgery at Bank House Medical Centre, Airdrie, on October 19 last year. It is alleged that he repeatedly stabbed him on the head and body.

Miss MacKay, 25, said she twice heard her father shout, "Help me", and dashed into his office. There she found him lying on the floor shielding his face as he was being stabbed by a stranger.

Miss MacKay told Iain Bonomy, QC, for the prosecution, that she grabbed her father's attacker by the hair and pulled him off, saving her father from further knife blows. As they were struggling one of the patients came to the door and the man escaped.

Pauline Amos, 31, of Airdrie, said that she also witnessed the stabbing. Describing the attacker, she said: "He never said anything. He just looked at me straight in the face and carried on."

Another patient, James Campbell, 52, of Clarkston, Airdrie, told how he was sitting with the doctor when Mr Wylie walked into the room, asked if he was Dr MacKay, and said: "Did you know Mary?"

Mr Campbell said Mr Wylie then walked towards the doctor and pulled out a knife. He dashed out of the room to get assistance and thought of getting a broom to defend the doctor. But when he got back Mr Wylie was escaping. He insisted Mr Wylie had asked about Mary and not Ann.

Steven Queen, 14, told the court of Mr Wylie's alleged confession to killing the doctor. "He was laughing at first and I didn't think he was telling the truth. But once we started talking I believed him. He said that his sister had cancer and she was in stage one. She went to Dr MacKay and he said it was only woman's nerves. She changed her doctor, who said it was at stage three and if Dr MacKay had checked out she would be here today."

Steven said Mr Wylie told him his sister was too young to die and described how he got his practice address from the phone book and went to the surgery with a knife. Steven added that when they parted Mr Wylie told him: "I am not going to harm anyone who doesn't do any harm to my family. Anyone who does harm to my family will get the same as Dr MacKay got."

Earlier Mr Wylie's nephew, Kevin Rooney, 15, said Mr Wylie had told him about the death from cancer of his Auntie Ann eight years ago and that Mr Wylie claimed Dr MacKay had done nothing.

The trial continues.

Killer may have used silencer

BY KATE ALDERSON

THE killer of a businesswoman shot twice through the head may have used a silencer in what police have called an execution-style shooting.

Patricia Hayes, 45, was shot as she lay in bed at home on Sunday. Detectives have been unable to find any signs of forced entry or robbery at the bungalow in Denton, Manchester, and said that their inquiries focused on her business interests, associates and friends.

Scientific evidence showed that a 9mm semi-automatic pistol was used, which firearms experts said was an unusual weapon. Detective Superintendent Ron Gaffey, of Greater Manchester Police, said that no one seemed to have heard the shots in the quiet neighbourhood on Sunday morning and it was possible that the killer used a silencer. Mr Gaffey said that Miss Hayes, who was single and had no children, was a quiet person whose social life centred on going to the pub after work.

Miss Hayes was the director of her own company, Unique Marble and Fireplace Centres, at Ashton-under-Lyne. She set up the business eight years ago and one of her outlets, a shop selling fireplaces, had had financial problems in recent months.

Her lodger, a 29-year-old female, was questioned in connection with the killing and has been released. She alerted neighbours to Miss Hayes's death on Sunday morning after running into the street shouting for help.

SATURDAY IN THE TIMES



Celebrity and art

RICHARD AVEDON, AMERICA'S MASTER PHOTOGRAPHER IN THE MAGAZINE

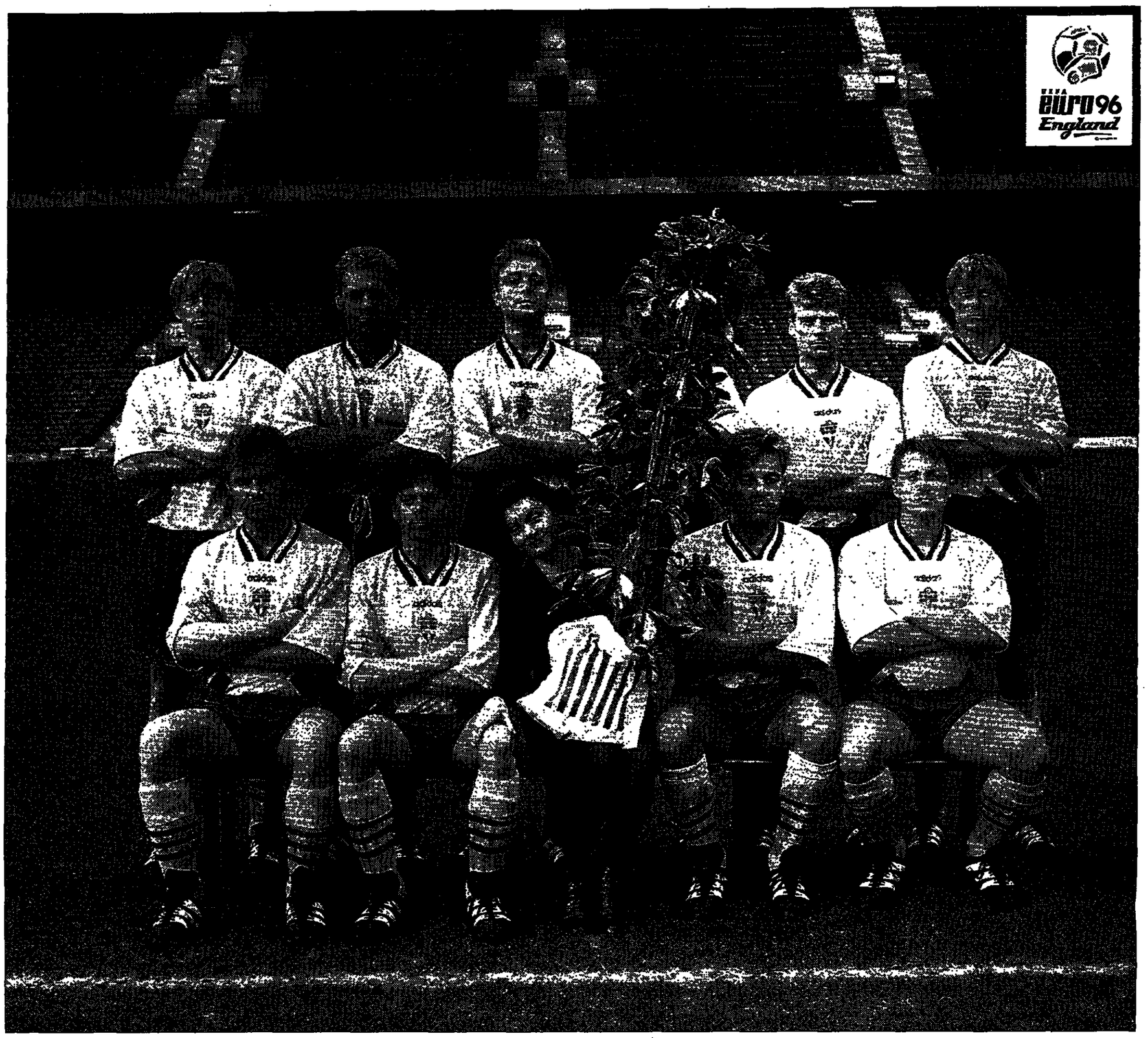
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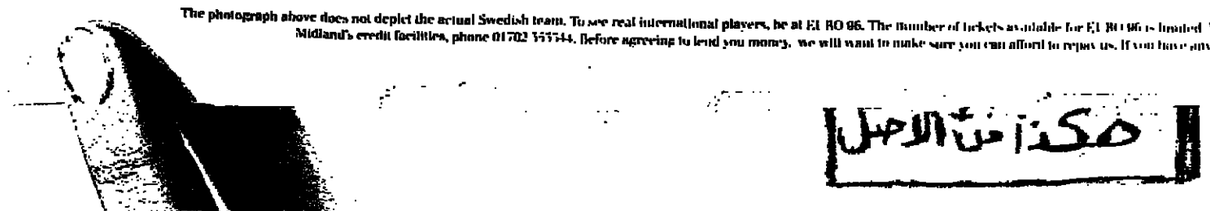
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Match-fixing inquiry looks for links with Far East syndicates

BY JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

THE British police investigation into the allegations of bribery and match-fixing is thought to centre on supposed links with shadowy Far Eastern betting syndicates. There has been a crackdown on corruption in football in the Far East and the syndicates have had to look elsewhere for money-making ventures.

Millions of pounds are bet each week in Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and Singapore and English football is attractive to punters because it is widely shown on television, the players are well known and the local football leagues are often corrupt.

More than 120 players in Malaysia have been arrested and most banished to internal exile. Michael Varna, a leading Czech player, has fled Singapore where he faces charges over match-fixing and a referee, registered with Fifa, has also been tried there.

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) has known about the problems for years but has been powerless to do much. Peter Velappan, the AFC general secretary, said four months ago that the allegations about betting links with Britain were "only the tip of the iceberg".

Ken Aston, one of England's most respected former referees, has been the latest target for the syndicates. Police are investigating how he was promised £25,000 to pass on addresses and telephone numbers of top players and referees.

Mr Aston was approached in a Singapore restaurant while on holiday but immediately reported the incident to the Football Association in England. Mr Aston said: "These people want a correct score and to do that they have got to bribe players and the referee."

Johnson Fernandez, a sports journalist of the *Malay Mail*, says he has seen a "secret list" of six British players who have taken bribes.

The betting is sophisticated and wide-ranging. Bets are made not just on the match result. Money is placed on when the first goal is scored, the first yellow card shown and the half-time score. There are even multipliers linking such details.

One Malaysian source said: "There are plenty of matches where you know one side is stronger than the other and is bound to win. But it is what happens in the game that matters. So one player can be paid to miss the penalty."

William Hill has always maintained that any corrupt bets must have been placed abroad because it would have been impossible to have won large sums in England without arousing bookmakers' suspicions here.

Although Graham Sharpe, of William Hill, has said he is "not underestimating the potential impact of the allegations", British bookmakers have had confidence in the honesty of the English game.

They last lost it in 1965, when ten players were jailed for trying to fix matches on which they had bet. England internationals Peter Swan and Tony Kay and their Sheffield Wednesday colleague David "Bronco" Layne were jailed for four months for conspiracy to defraud and were banned from playing for life.

As a result of the scandal, bookmakers stopped taking bets on individual matches. With the game's slow return to respectability, the bookmakers started accepting bets on a minimum of five matches. This season betting has been allowed on scores of individual non-televised games.

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John Fashanu and his girlfriend Melissa Kassamapsi, both arrested yesterday

Soccer star keen to strike a deal

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

JOHN FASHANU leads a hectic life combining playing as a forward for Aston Villa in the FA Carling Premiership with extensive travel as an international trade broker and as a presenter of *Gladiators* on ITV. It has proved a successful mix.

On the football pitch, controversy has punctuated his career, from his early days with Norwich City, Lincoln City and Millwall through to a higher profile existence with Wimbledon and Villa. In October last year, John O'Neill, the former Norwich City defender, took Fashanu to court over the tackle that allegedly ended his career in 1987. The matter was settled out of court.

Last season Fashanu was involved in an aerial challenge with Gary Mabbutt, the Tottenham Hotspur captain, that left the defender with a fractured cheekbone and damaged eye socket. An inquiry by the Football Association cleared Fashanu of blame.

Away from football, Fashanu, 32, has built construction, property and television promotional companies reputed to be worth £6 million. It is a far cry from his roots in Kensington, London, where he and his older brother Justin were born. They were brought up in Barnardo's homes in the South of England. Early on, Fashanu Minor was thinking of a future in finance. "When I was a kid, someone asked me which footballer I preferred, George Best or Bobby Charlton," Fashanu recalled last year. "I said Tiny Rowland."

He also works for the United Nations, through Unicef.

In November, when Fashanu was first linked with match-fixing allegations, he disclosed how he had discovered he was being "stitched up" by certain unidentified members of the football community. He claimed his home in Maida Vale, west London, had been bugged and that he had been implicated in an illegal operation selling fake British passports.

He strenuously denied involvement in the Grobbelaar case. "I had a little bit of success as a high-profile black man and I'm certain these people want to bring me down," he said.



Segers: missed only fours games for Dons



Grobbelaar: acrobat guarding the net

Dutchman noted for reliability

HANS SEGERS, in contrast to the brilliant but sometimes erratic Bruce Grobbelaar, has been unspectacular but consistent during his 11 years in British football.

Since joining Wimbledon nearly seven years ago, the Dutchman has been a solid defender in a team known as the "Crazy Gang" because of their uninhibited commitment and physical play.

One lapse by Segers came last week, when Steve Bruce was able to score the decisive goal for Manchester United in a Premiership game. Subsequently Segers was dropped last Saturday, only the fourth game he has missed for the south London club.

Terry Burton, Wimbledon's assistant manager, said yesterday: "He has been our number one for some time and has obviously played a big part in our success. I am hoping there will be more good times for him here."

Segers, 34, from Eindhoven, has made a total of 392 appearances in British football since he joined Nottingham Forest in 1984 in part-exchange for Hans van Breukelen, the Dutch international. He made only 67 appearances for Forest in four years and went on loan to Stoke City, Sheffield United and Dunfermline.

Segers joined Wimbledon for £125,000 in 1988, after the club had upset Liverpool to win their only FA Cup. He replaced Dave Beasant, one of the stars of Wimbledon's triumph at Wembley, and has proved a worthy successor in his 310 games for the club.

Extrovert with the will to win

ECCENTRIC and flamboyant, Bruce Grobbelaar has been one of the most celebrated goalkeepers in English football since he signed for Liverpool in 1981. He has astonished spectators with his gymnastic saves and outraged them with his impetuosity.

It is said that goalkeepers are crazy — something Grobbelaar has seemed to exemplify with his dashes out of goal, instinctive saves and the deftness with which he can catch crosses. His showmanship has endeared him to millions.

In his native Zimbabwe, for whom Grobbelaar, 37, has played, he is known as "Jungle Man" — not only for his athleticism but because he served with the Rhodesian Army in the bush in the 1970s.

He played for Crewe Alexandra in 1979 on a free transfer from the Vancouver Whitecaps, returning to Canada for a year before joining Liverpool for £250,000. He became first-choice keeper in 1981-82, when Ray Clemence left for Tottenham. It was quite a task to take over from an England player but Grobbelaar thrived. He won League championship medals in six seasons, shared in League Cup successes for three consecutive years, and helped Liverpool to win the FA Cup three times.

He was a European Cup winner in 1984, when he swayed his "spaghetti legs" to distract the opposition before making vital saves in the penalty shoot-out against Roma. After playing for Stoke City on loan in 1993, he returned to Anfield and joined Southampton on a free transfer in 1994.

SEASON OF TURMOIL

THIS football season will be remembered not for the game on the pitch, but for the scandals off it.

November 9: Allegations of match-fixing involving Bruce Grobbelaar surface.

December 1: Paul Merson, the Arsenal midfielder, is suspended by the Football Association after revelations that he has drink and drug problems.

January 26: Eric Cantona and Paul Ince of Manchester United involved in scuffles with fans at Selhurst Park. Cantona banned until the end of September. Both players face criminal charges.

February 6: Rioting erupts at a Chelsea v Millwall FA Cup match.

February 15: Hundreds of English fans disrupt the friendly with Ireland in Dublin. Match is abandoned.

February 21: George Graham, the Arsenal manager, is sacked amid allegations that he accepted "sweeteners" of £425,000 during the purchase of two foreign players. Mr Graham suggests others may have accepted transfer payments.

February 28: Hundreds of Chelsea fans arrested in Bruges to prevent "inevitable violence" at the European Cup Winners' Cup tie.

March 13: Dennis Wise of Chelsea is bailed after being sentenced to three months' jail for assaulting a taxi-driver.

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Audit Commission inquiry

Consultants neglect NHS for lucrative private practice

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

HOSPITAL consultants with large private practices are neglecting their NHS duties, leaving junior doctors to run their outpatient clinics and carry out operations unsupervised, a report says today.

In some hospitals, up to 90 per cent of operations are performed by junior doctors with no senior surgeon to check their work. At least some of these operations are likely to be "beyond their competence".

The report by the Audit Commission, the NHS watchdog, is the first big independent study of the performance of Britain's 55,000 hospital doctors. Called *The Doctor's Tale* to highlight the medieval work practices prevalent in the NHS, it says most doctors work long hours and show great dedication to their patients, but their contribution is being squandered.

The study, based on information from 26 hospitals in England and Wales, found a vast variation in the amount of work done by consultant surgeons working in the same specialties at the same hospitals, after allowing for differences in the complexity of cases. Some were doing five times as much work as their colleagues. "Some are doing relatively little clinical work," the report says.

In outpatients, the differences were even greater. Some consultants were seeing more than 60 patients a week and others fewer than five. "This is undoubtedly due, in some cases, to factors outside their control, such as shortages of operating theatres and clinic capacity. But for others, private practice means that they do less NHS work than their colleagues," the report says.

Overall, the study found that a third of consultants missed more than one in ten of their fixed outpatient clinics or operating sessions.

In the first independent comparison of consultants' private practice with their NHS work, the commission obtained details on 227 consultants working in five specialties in ten hospitals. The results showed that the 25 per cent who did most private work did least for the NHS in terms of operating sessions and outpatient clinics.

The results are likely to underestimate the trade-off between NHS and private work because it is "easier and less visible" to cut back on administration than on operating sessions, the report says.

On average, a general surgeon does between five and six operations a week, spending less than six hours at the operating table, excluding breaks.

Many hospitals did not have job plans for consultants, setting out their day-to-day work, as they were supposed to, and few made any attempt to monitor their performance.

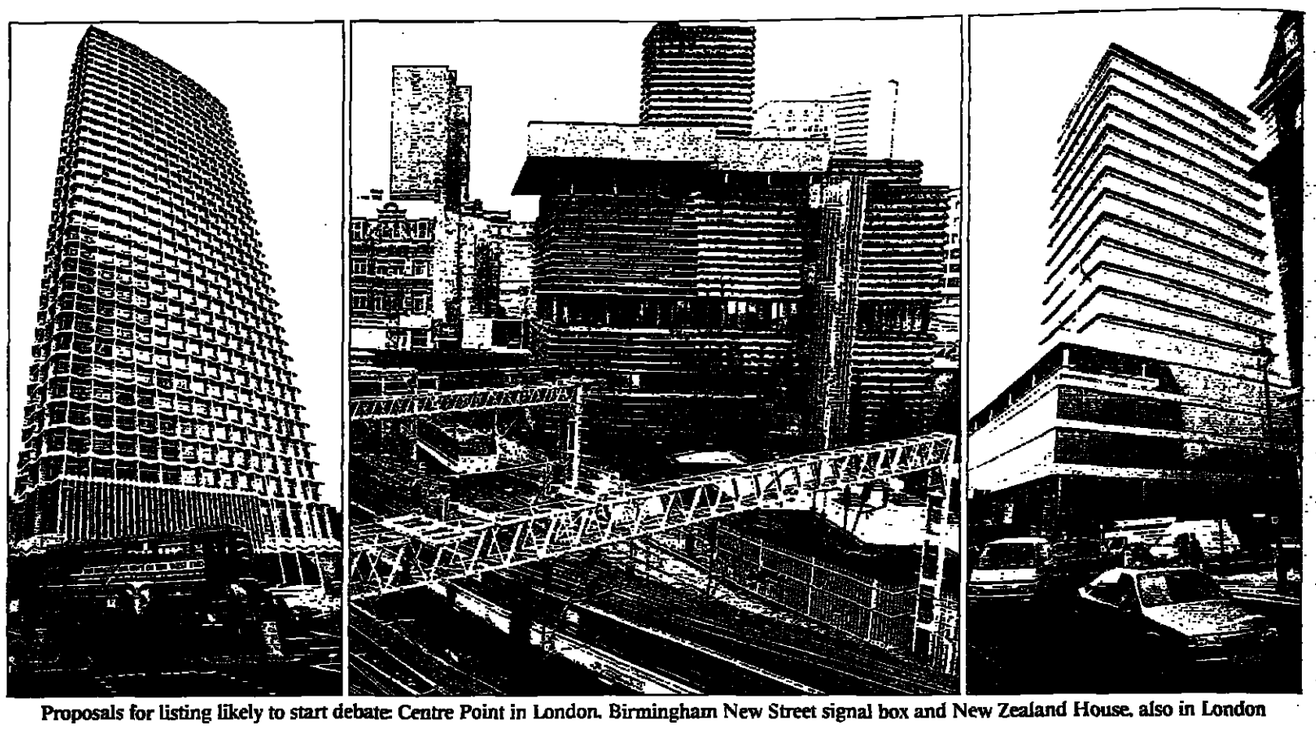
Junior doctors are described as "the lost tribe", required to work long hours and move round the country seeking apprenticeships in a haphazard training system that ill-prepares them for the modern style of cross-disciplinary practice. The report says women doctors, who account for more than half of medical students, have not been fairly treated.

Andrew Foster, chief executive of the commission, said the problems lay with the management system, not with a few doctors shirking their duties. "Most doctors work hard for their patients, and for the NHS but they could achieve even more if they were better organised and more involved in managing their workload," he said.

The British Medical Association said the commission had failed to take account of consultants' on-call commitments in calculating the hours worked, had made false comparisons between doctors, and reached contradictory findings on private work.

James Johnson, chairman of the BMA's consultants' committee, said: "All these mistakes perpetuate unfortunate myths, such as the totally unfounded allegations about consultants neglecting their duties for private practice."

Responding to the Audit Commission report, the NHS Trust Federation said that NHS consultants earned an average of £28,000 from private practice with a few earning £100,000. "While the federation has no complaint about this, it sets in context the value and enthusiasm some consultants may have for NHS work and this makes the business of managing them more difficult."



Proposals for listing likely to start debate: Centre Point in London, Birmingham New Street signal box and New Zealand House, also in London

Public to vote on best modern buildings

BY MARCUS BINNEY, ARCHITECTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE Heritage Secretary Stephen Dorrell is asking the public to help to decide whether some of Britain's most controversial modern buildings should be listed for special architectural or historic interest.

The structures proposed by English Heritage include three much-debated tall buildings in London, Centre Point, the NatWest Tower and New Zealand House, as well as the widely acclaimed Millbank Tower, which is proposed for a Grade II star listing.

They also include many early high-tech structures, created by engineers as well as architects. Among these are the John Lewis warehouse at Stevenage, Hertfordshire, by the architects YRM in collaboration with the Mexican engineer Felux Candela, known for his waving concrete roofs; the first shell concrete structure in Britain, a 1944 canteen at Rhône-Poulenc in Dagenham, east London, by Edward Mills, also with a dramatic curved roof; the Bank of England's printing works at Debden, Essex, the work of Ove Arup & Partners; and the 1968 Sheldon Bush Shot Tower in Bristol.

The list includes one of the first buildings designed by the current President of the Royal Academy, Sir Philip Dowson, at Duxford, Cambridgeshire, for Ciba. More hotly disputed will be the inclusion of Eros House at Catford, southeast London, by Owen Luder, President-elect of Riba, whose Tricorn Centre in Portsmouth has been repeatedly voted Britain's ugliest modern building.

Among railway buildings on the list are Coventry station from 1962 and the 1964 signal box at Birmingham New Street — though not the station. "I would only list that over my dead body," an English Heritage spokesman said.

The recommendations have been narrowed down from an initial 1,300 to 40. Martin Cherry, head of listing at English Heritage, said: "Our choice has focused on buildings that have been largely untouched since they were built."

The new listings, if approved by the public, will join a small band of post-war industrial and commercial buildings already listed. Among these are Sandersons wallpaper showrooms in London, the Willis Faber offices in Ipswich, Suffolk, and the Cummins engine factory in Darlington, Co Durham.

A Heritage Department spokesman was sceptical about some of the proposals. "They're of pretty mixed merit, especially the railway buildings," he said.

Post-war architecture being considered for listing

Town-centre offices: 100 Pall Mall, London (built 1956-58); Clareville House, Panton St, London (1959); Marathon House, Marylebone Rd, London (1957-59); New Zealand House, Haymarket, London (1959-63); Millbank Tower, London (1959-63); CIS Building, Peter St, Manchester (1962); former offices of Yorke, Rosenberg & Mardall, Greystoke Place, London (1961); 41 Albemarle St, London (1963); Sakers, 170-2 Sloane St, London (1963-64); Eros House, Catford, southeast London (1962-63); National Westminster Bank, Drapers Gardens, London (1964-66); Centre Point, Charing Cross Rd, London (1961-65).

Out-of-town offices: Manchester International Office Centre, Styal Road, Manchester (1964); Carr and Co., Cranmore Boulevard, Birmingham (1955); head offices, Pilkington Glass-works, St Helens, Lancashire (1959-63); Bird's Eye, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey (1960-61); exhibition block at Watson House, Peterborough Road, Fulham (1962); Norgas House, Killingworth, Northumberland (1963-65); Ryder, Nicklin Partnership offices, Killingworth, Northumberland (1964-65); Heinz, Hayes Park, Hillingdon, Middlesex (1962).

Retail: shops and flats, 2-38 and Crescent House, Goswell Road, London (1958-62); Woolworth, Canterbury (1954).

Industrial: canteen at Rhone Poulenc, Dagenham, Essex (1954); Bank of England printing works, Debden, Essex (1964); John Lewis warehouse, Stevenage, Hertfordshire (1963); Furniture Industry Research Association Headquarters, Stevenage (1962-64); maintenance building at CIBA (ARL), Duxford, Cambridgeshire (1957-62); BICC/Vero Electronics, Uxbridge Industrial estate, Uxbridge, Middlesex (1957); Sheldon Bush Shot Tower, Bristol (1968).

Railway buildings: West Hampstead ThamesLink station, platform 1 building, north London (1945); Stonebridge Park station: platform 1 building, Brent, northwest London (1948); Harlow Town station, Essex (1950); Broxbourne station, Hertfordshire (1958-61); Manchester Oxford Road station (1960); Barking station booking hall, east London (1961); Coventry station (1962); Barnes signal box, southwest London (1958); Hackney Downs signal box, north London (1960); Rugby signal box (1964); Birmingham New Street signal box (1964).

Alumni back Oxford radio station

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

PLANS for the first commercial radio station to be run by students are being backed by famous alumni including Sir Robin Day, Jeremy Paxman and Peter Snow.

Oxford Student Radio, which hopes to broadcast to the whole city, has also won support from Lord Attenborough and Anthony Smith, one of the founders of Channel 4 and President of Magdalen College, Oxford.

It has obtained a short-term restrictive service licence that will allow it to broadcast between November 5 and December 2, and will compete for a full FM licence when frequencies are advertised by the Radio Authority.

Claire Marshall, a second-year law student at Balliol who is the head of marketing, said: "We are trying to bring together the university, colleges, language schools and the former polytechnic, now Brookes University. Sixth-formers from local schools will also be invited to make programmes."

The station, which will register as a charity, is being funded by advertising, sponsorship and donations. Ms Marshall said that alumni had been invited to pay £100 to join an organisation called the One Thousand Club, which would provide financial support. Brendan May, head of programming, who is also studying law at Balliol, said that Independent Radio News, part of ITN, would provide a free news service for the 28-day restrictive service licence. Other programmes will include documentaries, phone-ins, drama and game shows.

Several universities have student radio stations but these are restricted to the campus. Previous attempts by students in Manchester and London to apply for a full FM licence failed.

Melvyn Bragg, who studied modern history at Wadham College, said he wished the station had been broadcasting during his student days. "Talking intelligently to a community of intelligent talkers should be exhilarating." Sir Robin Day said: "It will surely be the most important event in the development of dialogue in the university since the founding of the Oxford Union in 1823."

☐ Alistair Cooke, who celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of his first broadcast for the BBC last year, was named Radio Presenter of the Year by the Television and Radio Industries Club yesterday.

Mr Cooke, 85, whose *Letter from America* has been broadcast every week since March 1946, sent his thanks for the award from his home in New York. It was collected on his behalf by Dame Vera Lynn at a ceremony in London. *Coronation Street*, which celebrates its 35th anniversary this year, also received an award for its enduring success.

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Revels in the park to mark VE-Day

BY JOHN YOUNG

MORE than a million people are expected to visit Hyde Park for three days in May for events commemorating the end of the Second World War in Europe.

Among the guests are likely to be President Herzog and Chancellor Kohl of Germany, President Mitterrand of France and President Yeltsin of the Russian Federation. They will be joined by the prime ministers of all the Commonwealth countries that fought alongside Britain and by representatives of the other allies.

Lord Cranborne, the Lord Privy Seal who is in charge of the Government's anniversary arrangements, said that 54 heads of state or government had been invited, of whom 38 had so far accepted. He declined to give further details until the list was complete "for fear of ruffling feathers" or to say whether President Clinton had changed his mind about not attending.

He also refused to be drawn on representation from both Israel, on behalf of the tens of thousands of Jews for fought for the Allied cause, and Arab countries such as Jordan which supplied large numbers of troops. Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian Prime Minister, has not been invited, although Serbia was a staunch ally of Britain in both world wars.

Forty acres of the London park are to be set aside for displays, concerts and parades. In addition to the largest outdoor stage erected in Britain, temporary pavilions will house exhibitions depicting the history of the war at home and on the Continent. Computer terminals will help veterans to trace their former comrades.

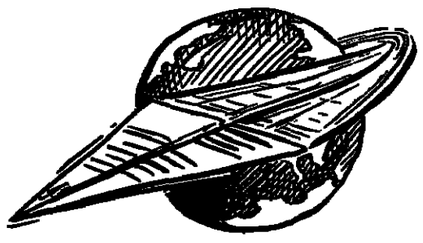
The site will be opened by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret on Saturday, May 6. A concert organised by the Royal British Legion will feature a 3,000-strong male voice choir, bands from all three services and stars including Dame Vera Lynn, Tony Bennett, Elaine Paige and Cliff Richard.

On Sunday, May 7, heads of state will attend a service of thanksgiving and reconciliation at St Paul's Cathedral and lunch at Buckingham Palace. On May 8, mass bands will lead a march from Hyde Park to the Palace for songs in the forecourt. The Queen, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret will be on the balcony in a scene recalling VE-Day.

Lord Cranborne said the cost was expected to be "in the low millions. We did consider the question of sponsorship, but felt very strongly that this was a national event for which the Government should take responsibility."

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TV mercy killing condemned

BY OUR HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

MORE than a hundred MPs have signed a Commons motion protesting at the BBC's decision to broadcast the world's first televised mercy killing. The programme, *Death on Request*, to be screened tonight on BBC2, shows a doctor in The Netherlands giving a fatal injection to Cees van Wendel de Joode, a 63-year-old former restaurateur who was terminallly ill with motor neurone disease, a muscle-wasting condition.

The documentary, shown on Dutch television last year, has been condemned by the MPs, who say it does not give a complete picture of euthanasia in The Netherlands. They claim that euthanasia is practised without requests from patients, on people who are mentally ill and on those who are simply depressed.

The early-day motion, proposed by Marion Roe, chairwoman of the Commons Health Select Committee, had yesterday been signed by 108 MPs. The move provoked an angry response from the Dutch Ambassador, who is to write to all the signatories telling them they have misunderstood Dutch law. Elizabeth Borst, the Dutch Minister of Health, is offering to come to Britain to explain Dutch practice. Euthanasia is still illegal there but doctors who help terminally ill patients to die can avoid prosecution by following strict guidelines.

The 50-minute film shows Mr Van Wendel de Joode preparing for his death with the agreement of Antoinette, his wife of 20 years. As she helps him into bed his doctor prepares two syringes, one to sedate him and one to end his life. He is then shown slipping into unconsciousness and dying. The BBC says the film is not for or against euthanasia but "an unsensational and sensitive portrayal of one man's experience".

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Not too old for £132,000 cure

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

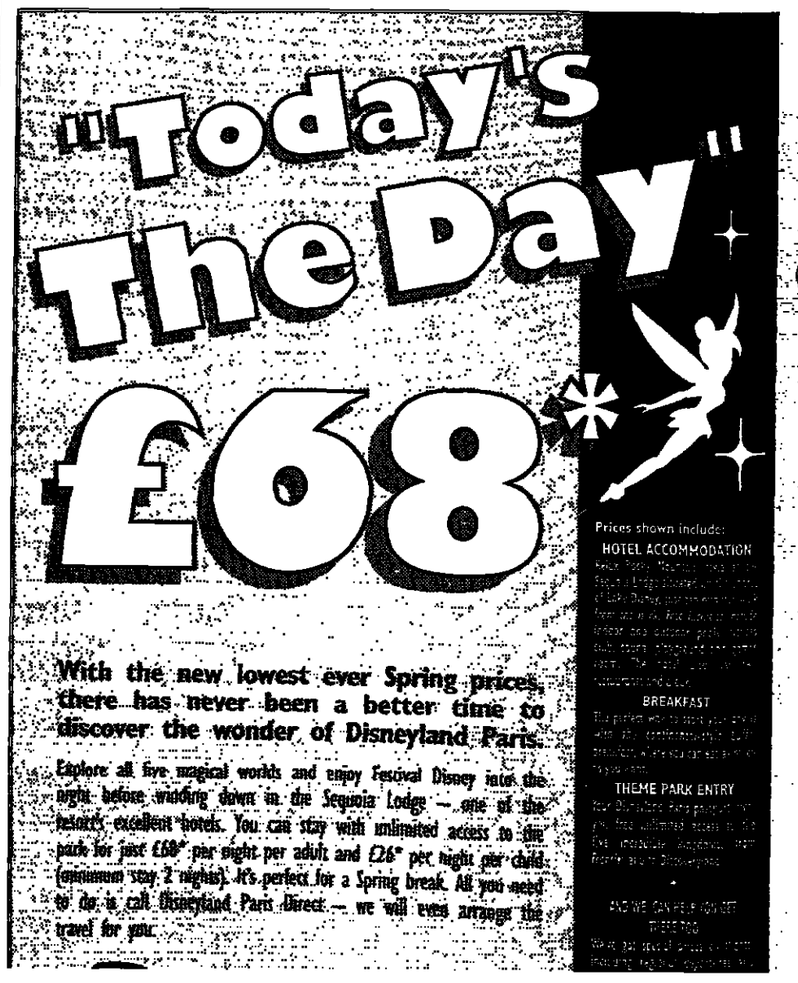
The news that a 79-year-old former plasterer in Manchester, who also had renal disease and arthritis, has had £132,000 spent preventing his death from haemorrhage has heartened all those oldies who have feared that the medical profession's interest in them is blunted once they reach the

been similar cases in his hospital.

Costly treatment of this sort is usually only necessary to tide the patient over a bleed-

produced against one of the clotting factors, such as has probably happened in the case of Mr Gudgin. Usually it is found that factor VIII has been immobilised.

It is not always apparent why antibodies to a particular factor should suddenly be found; it is sometimes a reaction to a drug, on other



Stress 'drove aide to drunken havoc'

By Michael Horsnell

AN AIDE to Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, was suffering from a minor breakdown brought on by the stress of a 12-hour working day when she caused £1,600 of damage to vehicles in a car park at Scotland Yard after a lunchtime drink, a court was told yesterday.

Janine Barnes, 26, who organised Michael Howard's diary, had drunk a bottle of wine before her escapade.

Magistrates at Camberwell Green, south London, sentenced her to 100 hours' community service, ordered her to pay full compensation and disqualified her from driving for 18 months. At a previous hearing she admitted aggravated vehicle taking, driving with excess alcohol and without insurance.

Richard Lewis, for the defence, told Lorraine Morgan, the stipendiary magistrate: "The hours she worked were lengthy — often 12 hours a day without a break. Stresses built up in my client which were released in a catastrophic manner. My client suffered a minor breakdown exacerbated by the alcohol."

The court had been told that after the lunchtime drink Barnes, of Welling, southeast London, walked past a Scotland Yard security gate. She got into an unmarked Special Branch Ford Mondeo, and reversed it into a parked Vauxhall Cavalier, which collided into a second Cavalier. Barnes hit the two vehicles, which belonged to Commander David Tucker, head of the anti-terrorist branch, and Commander George Churchill-Coleman, head of the fraud squad, a second time before driving out at speed.

She abandoned the Ford a few miles away, then hitched a lift on a lorry to Brixton police station, where she reported the loss of her handbag. Barnes was seen shouting at a police car as it entered the station on her departure, then arrested as she tried to stop traffic.

Sentencing her, Mrs Morgan told Barnes: "I am dealing with matters involving damage to property and potential risk to members of the public. But in view of all that I've heard and read, I do not consider that you are a person who ... presents a future danger to the public."



Janine Barnes arriving at court for sentence

Mother of Marchioness victim 'lost her future'

By Emma Wilkins

A MOTHER heard for the first time yesterday how her daughter died in the *Marchioness* disaster on the Thames nearly six years ago.

Blanca Webster has been waiting for an inquest to hear evidence on the death of her daughter Linda, 27, since August 1989, to learn whether she died from drowning or was struck by an object in the confusion when the pleasure boat collided with the dredger *Bowbelle* near Southwark Bridge.

On the second day of the inquest into the deaths of 43 of the 51 people who died in the disaster, Mrs Webster was told that her daughter, a barrister at Lord Gifford's chambers in London, had drowned. The families of the remaining eight who died are not taking part in the inquest at Hammersmith Coroner's Court.

Mrs Webster, a former tourism manager who has not worked since her daughter's death, spoke of the trauma she has endured. "If you lose your child, you lose your future. She was a brilliant little girl. She was lovely and she loved living. All this is bringing it back." The body had been identified by Lord Gifford because Mrs Webster was too upset to visit the mortuary.

Miss Webster had been on the *Marchioness* for a party. Her mother told the inquest she had been in Edinburgh when she heard news reports of the disaster. Mrs Webster telephoned her daughter in London, but did not worry when the answering machine came on because she was often away at weekends. On the Monday she telephoned the chambers and Lord Gifford told her they were trying to find Linda. She flew back.

Mrs Webster told the inquest: "My prime concern is whether my daughter died from drowning or from being hit by flying objects. My concern is not just for her. We have many thousands of people going on these little boats. It's important for Londoners and for the tourists to find out these facts."

Mrs Webster said she had been too ill to attend the first inquest five years ago. It was halted when the Director of Public Prosecutions stated



Linda Webster loved life, her mother said

that Douglas Henderson, master of the *Bowbelle*, would face criminal charges. Mr Henderson was later cleared of all charges after two juries failed to reach verdicts.

Mrs Webster has seen a psychiatrist to help to overcome her grief, and said she believed she was suffering post-traumatic stress disorder.

Dr Richard Shepherd, a Home Office pathologist in charge of the post-mortem examinations, told the inquest that the cause of Miss Webster's death was drowning. "The only injury on the body was a small cut on the left shoulder blade," he said. The inquest was told that none of the bodies of 24 people found when the *Marchioness* was raised showed any sign of injury to suggest they had been scrabbling to escape.

Michael Mansfield, QC, for the families, questioned Dr Shepherd about why hands had been removed from bodies for fingerprint identification. Mr Mansfield said: "The integrity of a body is tantamount to a human right. If it is to be interfered with at all, it must be done in a proper way. As far as identification is concerned, one would want to ensure that families in the future do not suffer the indignities these families have suffered."

The severing of hands did not emerge at the first inquest, but Dr Shepherd denied that it had been kept secret. It emerged yesterday that efforts had been made to take fingerprints before the decision was taken to sever the hands. Prints are difficult to obtain from decomposing bodies, Dr Shepherd told the hearing. He denied having been personally responsible for the decision to sever the hands.

Prison term cut in Irish sex case

By Nicholas Watt
Ireland Correspondent

A DUBLIN businessman who was jailed for 14 years after he admitted making a schoolgirl pregnant had his sentence reduced by ten years yesterday. The case caused an outcry in the Irish Republic and the girl's attempt to have an abortion led to a referendum on the general ban on terminations.

Reducing the sentence to four years, three judges at the Court of Criminal Appeal in Dublin said that the businessman, who cannot be named, was unlikely to reoffend and had shown remorse.

They emphasised that the case was not one of rape: no force had been used. The man was sentenced on two counts of unlawful carnal knowledge because the girl was aged 14 at the time of the incidents in 1990 and 1991.

The girl was prevented by the Irish High Court from having an abortion in London. The decision was overturned by the Supreme Court, after she had had a miscarriage.

The Irish Government had planned a referendum on abortion information in 1992 and it was widened as a result of the outcry. It endorsed the general ban on abortions but permitted women to go abroad for them, and to receive advice.

Alzheimer's drug uses plant bulbs

By Nick Nuttall
Technology Correspondent

A CHEMICAL from daffodils and snowdrop bulbs is being tested as a treatment for Alzheimer's disease, the degenerative disorder that afflicts more than 500,000 Britons.

The compound, called galanthamine, has improved brain function in up to a third of sufferers in preliminary tests. Shire Pharmaceutical, the British drug company behind the research, hopes to carry out clinical trials on 600 patients at five hospitals in Europe this summer.

The research could prove a boost for bulb companies. Ten tonnes of daffodil bulbs are needed to produce one kilogram of the pure drug.

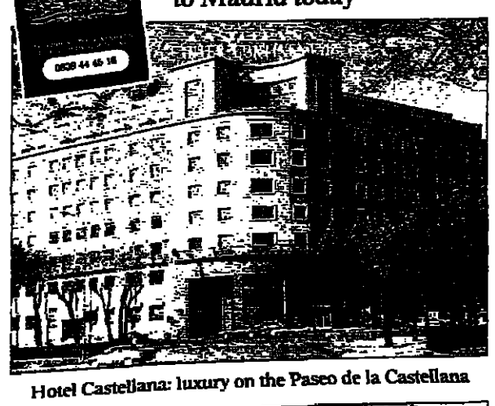
Galanthamine helps to protect bulbs from being eaten in the winter by animals. It triggers severe nausea, a side-effect suffered by some Alzheimer's patients in tests. But the chemical also appears to boost levels of a nerve transmitter called acetylcholine in brain cells of Alzheimer's sufferers.

Levels of the nerve transmitter have normally dropped by a half in Alzheimer's patients by the time they are diagnosed. They fall to about a third of normal levels by the time they die.

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THE WELSH ADVANTAGE.

Tories to consider schools buyout by teaching staff

BY JILL SHERMAN AND NICHOLAS WOOD

PLANS to sell schools to their teachers and allow them to charge town halls for education services are to be put forward for inclusion in the Tory general election manifesto.

The proposal from the Social Market Foundation (SMF), a Conservative think-tank, is among the most eyecatching of the initial submissions to the policy review ordered by John Major last summer. Education vouchers, the privatisation of welfare and a reorganisation of the examinations system aimed at restoring academic rigour are also near the top of the list.

More than 400 people, ranging from Cabinet ministers to backbenchers and outside academics, are beavering away on new ideas to be presented to the Prime Minister by the end of June. About 30 groups, each headed by a Secretary of State, are scrutinising every aspect of Whitehall and the next three months will see the climax of brainstorming sessions that will help to determine Mr Major's fate as he seeks a fifth consecutive Tory victory.

Norman Blackwell, the new head of the Downing Street policy unit, has also trawled the right-wing think-tanks for fresh ideas. The outcome of the exercise could also help to scotch the charge that under Mr Major's leadership the Tories have run out of steam.

Mr Major has asked the groups to come up with ideas that are fresh, innovative, relevant and popular. But he does not want radicalism for the sake of it. "There is no need to dynamite institutions simply to make a point," one insider said yesterday.

Under the staffroom buy-out plan hatched by the SMF, one of the more middle-of-the-road Tory think-tanks, teachers would be allowed to buy shares or a financial stake in schools where they worked. Ultimately a group of teachers could own a whole school, and sell services to the State.

The proposal will be put to next session of the public service policy group, chaired by David Hunt, the Cabinet troubleshooter, as part of a more ambitious plan to use market forces more widely in the public sector and link professionals more closely with Government reforms.

The SMF believes that professsionals such as teachers and doctors feel they have been betrayed by public sector reforms and need to be given an incentive to sign up to further policy changes.

Dr Sheila Lawlor, deputy director of the Centre for Policy Studies, yesterday identified education and welfare reform as two key areas where the Government needs a policy overhaul. Dr Lawlor wants a voucher system in schools, saying it would encourage good schools to expand and bad ones to close. Parent power would be enhanced at the expense of town hall bureaucrats and teachers would benefit because more money would be spend at the chalkface.

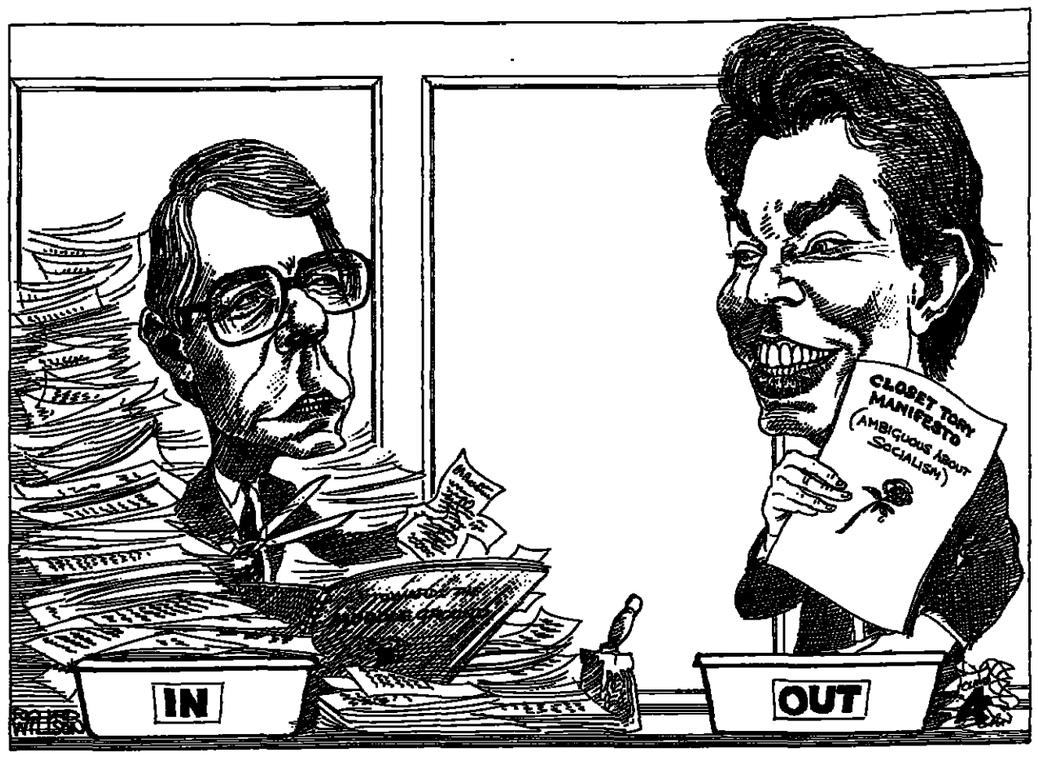
Quite possibly, all schools would be made grant-maintained and freed of council control, but however the system was ordered money would genuinely follow the pupil. A board committed to traditional academic standards and competing with the present boards would also be created.

Dr Lawlor wants fundamental changes to the welfare state designed to restore the link between contributions and benefits and to cut the £80 billion social security budget. She argues that this would bolster the traditional Tory value of self-reliance eroded by the growing "socialist" tendency to fund benefits out of taxation and to pay them irrespective of contribution records.

She also wants friendly societies and private insurance firms to assume responsibility from the State for managing people's contributions and ensuring that they get a decent return on their investments in their old age. But a publicly funded safety net would still apply for those unable, through unemployment, sickness or social reasons, such as lone parenthood, to pay their way.

She set out her thinking to the Social Security Committee in January. "We should get away from the idea of an anonymous and large welfare state, and we should look again at the very principles which suited this country — which were based on contribution and self-reliance ... not based on redistributive taxation as the basis for welfare."

Typically, each manifesto group has a dozen members, including the Secretary of State, the relevant junior ministers in the department, and the chairman of the backbench Tory committee. All the groups have until the end of June to produce a report, the contents of which will have to be approved and polished by the relevant Secretary of State before being sent to the Prime Minister.



Hanley ends search for new media chief

HUGH COLVER, a former PR chief at the Defence Ministry was last night appointed director of communications at Conservative Central Office (Nicholas Wood writes).

There had been prolonged speculation over who might replace Tim Collins, who is joining the Downing Street Policy Unit, and suggestions that the Tory high command was struggling to fill the post. Last night, party insiders dismissed these suggestions but indicated that Jeremy Hanley, the party chairman, had hesitated over the kind of figure he was seeking.

Mr Colver, 49, spent his earlier career as a journalist on the *Financial Times*, and was head of public relations at the MoD from 1987-92, a period that spanned the Gulf War, for which he won the CBE. Since then he has been with British Aerospace.

MPs want self-regulation, but have yet to show that it works

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Parliament is on trial — and many senior MPs do not seem to realise it. The privileges and members' interests committees of the Commons are behaving as if the Nolan inquiry did not exist. But it does, and it is sitting in judgment on them. The decisions of these committees will, and should, influence the report of the Nolan committee, expected in mid-May.

The work of the committees and of the Nolan inquiry is in parallel. The allegations against various Tory MPs being investigated by the former were also one of the main reasons for the creation of the Nolan committee on broader issues of standards in public life. This has involved examining whether the rules affecting MPs should be tightened and whether an independent element should be introduced into the system of self-regulation.

If the Commons cannot handle its current investigations, into accepting cash for tabling questions and not declaring a paid-for overseas trip, then the case for self-regulation looks weak. MPs are not helping themselves. The inquiries have been under way for several months with no end in sight. Admittedly, the work of the privileges committee was held up for some time by Tony Benn's desire to open up its proceedings to public gaze. But that is not the real reason for the delay. The privileges committee met for a long session on Monday and is unlikely to meet again for two weeks.

There are suspicions of Tory delaying tactics, but the real difficulty is the inherent weakness of such procedures. The privileges committee is, at 17 strong, unwieldy, and in the past has had a tendency to defer reaching decisions. MPs find it very hard to reach judgments on the actions of their colleagues and, in particular, to recommend penalties. The committee is handicapped by the absence of clear rules or an ethical consensus among MPs about acceptable conduct. That is the main problem now. Which Tory MPs are going to recommend taking sanctions, including possible suspension from the Commons, against party colleagues when the Tories have such a slim majority.

The members' interests committee is, as Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith admitted in evidence to the Nolan inquiry, not really equipped to undertake investigations into the conduct of MPs, as opposed to supervising the register of interests. There is a strong case for streamlining current arrangements, perhaps merging the privileges and members' interests committees and having a smaller sub-committee to undertake quicker and simpler enquiries into whether a breach of the House's rules has occurred. This was the view of a number of influential senior MPs, such as Sir Terence Higgins, in their evidence to the Nolan inquiry.

But the central question is whether self-regulation can be maintained. Most professions have accepted the need for an independent, outside element in audit and regulation, to maintain public confidence. Parliament is different in the sense that MPs are only there because of the decisions of voters. Hence, MPs should not be removed or disciplined by any group involving people who have not been elected. Many MPs believe that the Commons would reject any proposal by the Nolan inquiry to end self-regulation. But existing procedures are clearly inadequate, as the current delays show. There is room for an ethics advisory office, which has an independent status and is responsible for compliance with the rules of the Commons and conducts inquiries into alleged breaches. This could be akin to the National Audit Office which examines government accounts. The new office could report to a commission or committee incuding outsiders. But final decisions on whether MPs should be disciplined would be taken by all members of the Commons, as now. If MPs want to maintain self-regulation, they need to show it works. They have not yet done so.

PETER RIDDELL

Tory MPs stalled in attempt to oust Janner

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

TORY MPs last night launched an attempt to remove Greville Janner from his post as head of the parliamentary inquiry into high executive salaries.

But the senior Labour MP was given a seven-day stay of execution because a motion proposing his replacement as chairman of the Select Committee on Employment during its investigation was deferred for procedural reasons.

Six Tory members on the committee decided privately on Monday night to try to remove Mr Janner because of alleged conflicts of interests and the the "hectoring" way in which he has been handling the inquiry.

He is is a director of the JSB Group, which advises several companies including British Gas. He has also been criticised for his role in the award of a massive salary and share-option scheme to the chairman and directors of the betting and leisure company Ladbrokes. Mr Janner is a non-executive director and member of the Remuneration Committee of Ladbroke plc, whose chairman earns £583,000 a year — about £108,000 more than the British Gas boss Cedric Brown, who has made two appearances before the committee.



Janner: said to have conflicting interests

A Commons motion calling for Mr Janner's resignation said that his business activities represented "a conflict of interest with his current position as chairman of the Employment Select Committee".

When Warren Hawksley, one of the Tory members, moved the motion proposing Mr Janner's removal at a private meeting yesterday, Labour MPs said that it was out of order because the required 24 hours' notice had not been given. The issue will therefore be discussed again next week when the Tories plan to retable their motion.

Mr Janner is expected to fight to stay in the post by offering assurances to his fellow members that he will lead the investigation in a more conciliatory fashion. Although that will not be enough for most of the Tories, Mr Janner could still survive if he manages to satisfy one or two of them.

Director of Ofgas admits to being unaccountable

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

CLARE SPOTTISWODE, the gas regulator, admitted yesterday that she was not accountable to anyone and called for a public debate on how the regulators should be regulated.

In a candid speech to a conference in London organised by the constitutional reform pressure group Charter 88, Ms Spottiswode asked: "What is our accountability?" The director general of Ofgas provided her own answer: "In truth very little." She said that she and the other four utility regulators had deliberately and rightly been removed from government control to preserve their independence. However, that had produced "a conundrum which needs to be thought through".

Ms Spottiswode said that the annual report she supplied to Parliament was "not worth the paper it is written on" and went "virtually unread". She also said that she was "not really" accountable to MPs, even through the select committee system. "I have given evidence to four select committees in the past year. Two have come up with diametrically opposite conclusions... The committees are a snapshot, they are not representative of Parliament." There was further scrutiny by the National Audit Office and, ultimately, by judicial review, but Ms Spottiswode questioned whether that was adequate. "Is there an appropriate body which could take the regulator to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission for a weak decision?

"The system does work well but is very dependent on an individual. It needs to be debated. We cannot assume the current system is right."

Ms Spottiswode refused to be drawn into the row over the salary of Mr Cedric Brown, chief executive of British Gas. "Salary setting is an issue for the company," she said. "It is politics, and for politicians and not for the regulator to get involved." Her job, she said, was to protect the consumer. "Pay doesn't cost the consumer a penny. It costs the shareholders."



Spottiswode: "System needs to be debated"

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY: In the Commons, questions to health ministers were followed by Prime Minister's Questions, taken in John Major's absence by Tony Newton, Leader of the House. MPs debated the second reading of the Atomic Energy Authority Bill and the Miners' Welfare Act (Transfer of Functions of Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation) Order. The Lords debated the Pensions Bill and the Civil Evidence Bill.

TODAY: The Commons sits at 10am for backbench debates. Questions to environment ministers at 2.30pm will be followed by estimates debates on Trade Department support for the development of broadband communications and on administration relating to the Environment Department's retail planning policy. In the Lords the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill will have its second reading.

Information code 'poorly publicised'

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON

THE Government's freedom of information code has failed to ignite the public's imagination. Whitehall's first annual report on open government shows.

A lack of publicity was immediately blamed by campaigners who called on the Government to put money into advertising the code's existence.

The code requires government departments and other public bodies to volunteer information on major policy decisions as well as to answer requests for information.

During the first nine months after the code's introduction last April, departments processed 2,600 requests for information. This compares with 36,500 requests last year in Australia, where a freedom of information act has been in operation since 1982.

A total of 89 requests were refused in full and 21 in part. The Parliamentary Ombudsman received 28 complaints and ordered the Department of Transport to publish a suppressed report on the Birmingham northern relief road and the Department of Health to publish information about contacts between officials and the pharmaceutical industry.

David Hunt, the Minister for Open Government, claimed yesterday that the code was having "a positive effect". However, he conceded that the right of appeal to the ombudsman had not been widely used.

Maurice Frankel, the director of the Freedom of Information campaign, said: "There was such a culture of secrecy for so long that people think it is not worth asking. If the Government wants to change that culture it has to tell the audience."

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Fresh allegations against top official rock White House

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

JANET RENO, the US Attorney-General, announced yesterday that she is appointing a special prosecutor to investigate Henry Cisneros, President Clinton's Housing Secretary, dealing another blow to his Administration.

Ms Reno alleged that Mr Cisneros had made false statements to the FBI during background checks before his appointment. The issue was how much money he had paid to Linda Medlar, a former mistress, and her daughter after breaking off the extra-marital affair that led to his resignation as Mayor of San Antonio in 1989.

Ms Reno's decision will compound the embarrassment of Mr Clinton, who took office promising that his Administration would set the highest ethical standards. Since then one after another of his top officials have been brought down.

One special prosecutor is investigating Mr Clinton himself over the Whitewater affair. Another is investigating Mike Espy, the former Agriculture Secretary, who accepted gifts from an Arkansas poultry company he was supposed to be regulating. The appointment of a third prosecutor to investigate Mr Cisneros will set a new record for any Administration.

In addition Ms Reno's Justice Department is deciding if it should appoint special prosecutors to investigate the financial dealings of both Ron Brown, the Commerce Secretary, and Federico Pena, the Transportation Secretary.

The list of other top officials who have been forced to resign under ethical clouds or worse includes Webster Hubbell, the associate Attorney-General, Roger Altman, the Treasury Secretary, Bernard Nussbaum, the White House counsel, David Watkins, the White House director of administration, Jean Hanson, the Treasury counsel, and William Kennedy, an associate White House counsel.

Mr Cisneros was rescued by Mr Clinton in 1993 after the disclosure of his affair had apparently ended his political career. He is one of only two Hispanics in the Cabinet and one of its more prominent, innovative members. He is presently leading a drive to reduce drastically the size of his own department.

Ms Reno told a special court that will appoint Mr Cisneros's prosecutor that the Housing Secretary had acknowledged his affair with Ms Medlar but "stated to the FBI that he had paid her no more than $2,500 (£1,560) at a time and no more than $10,000 a year. In fact he paid her more than $2,500 at various times, and his total annual payments to her were between $42,000 and $60,000," she said. He had made one payment "substantially larger than $2,500" just days before making his statement to the FBI.

Ms Reno said Mr Cisneros's false statements might have ensured that he was given his Cabinet job. She added that the prosecutor, who is still to be named, should "evaluate whether there was an agreement between Medlar and Secretary Cisneros to conceal information concerning his payments to Medlar during the confirmation process in violation of the conspiracy statute".



Cisneros: dispute over payments to mistress

Mr Cisneros has insisted that any discrepancies in his statements to the FBI were accidental, but Ms Medlar has helped undermine her former lover by releasing tapes of conversations in which he discussed the payments and disparaged FBI attempts to learn more about them. To compound Mr Cisneros's problems, Ms Medlar is now suing him for $256,000 she claims he agreed to pay her for the heartache, divorce and loss of her job that resulted from her affair with him.

☐ **Victorian values:** Newt Gingrich, the loquacious House Speaker, has suggested that America should embrace the values of Victorian Britain and use moral leadership and "shame" as instruments for curbing illegitimate births, drunkenness and drug addiction (Ian Brodie writes).

Mr Gingrich, who has quietly dropped his earlier support for orphanages as a substitute for welfare, declared his fondness for Dickensian times during an address in Washington to the National League of Cities. The Victorians, he said, "reduced the number of children born out of wedlock by almost 50 per cent. They changed the whole momentum of their society. They didn't do it through a new bureaucracy. They did it by re-establishing values, by moral leadership and by being willing to look at people in the face and say: 'You should be ashamed when you get drunk in public. You ought to be ashamed if you're a drug addict.'"

The leader of the Republican revolution on Capitol Hill said he had realised all this as he read an essay by Gertrude Himmelfarb, an emeritus history professor at the City University of New York and the author of a new book, *The De-Moralisation of Society: from Victorian Values to Modern Values*.

In drawing comparisons between the 19th century and today, Dr Himmelfarb argues that illegitimacy in Victorian England declined from 7 to 4 per cent; in the past three decades in America it has risen from 5 per cent to more than 30 per cent. Similarly, Victorian crime declined by 50 per cent, but has risen in America by 300 per cent.



THE body of Abdul Ali Mazari, the opposition Hezb-i-Wahadat faction leader, pictured above with two Taleban militiamen before he died, has been handed over by his captors, an Afghan minister said yesterday. Mohammed Ali Javed leader of the pro-government Harakat-e-Islami and the Planning Minister, said Taleban delivered nine bodies of captured Hezb-i-Wahadat officials to Harakat-e-Islami's headquarters yesterday. One of the bodies was that of Mazari. "We still don't know how they died," Mr Javed said. Earlier reports said Mazari was killed by his captors. Yesterday Taleban launched an attack against troops loyal to President Rabbani on the southern front lines, gaining a hilltop but losing a number of fighters.

The Taleban, a force of students trained in Pakistani Koranic schools, want to establish an Islamic government, taking power from warring Mujahidin leaders. *(Reuter/AFP)*

Afghan leader's remains handed over

Philippines seeks more protection for workers

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

TWO days before a Filipina maid is due to be hanged in Singapore, Roberto Romulo, the Philippines Foreign Minister, has called on Britain to support a new United Nations convention to give more protection to migrant workers.

Speaking at the start of a five-day visit to Britain by President Ramos, Mr Romulo said he was appalled that only five countries had signed a convention which he hoped would be discussed by the International Labour Organisation.

More than two million Filipinos work in Europe and the Middle East, and in several publicised cases maids working in the Gulf have been beaten, abused, and prevented from leaving by their employers. Manila has refused to issue passports valid for some Middle East countries where maids have been abused.

Mr Romulo said his Government had called for a stay of execution in the case of Flor Contemplación, a 42-year-old maid convicted of murdering another Filipina maid and the three year-old son of her employer. Mr Romulo said his Government did not want to interfere in Singapore's justice system, but hoped the case could be reviewed in the light of new evidence.

Mr Romulo said that the visit of President Ramos, who had lunch yesterday at Buckingham Palace, would focus largely on Philippine efforts to build up commercial relations with Europe.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed, the Malaysian Prime Minister, is also in Britain on a private visit, but has held talks with Alistair Goodlad, a junior Foreign Office minister. British officials were yesterday pleased with Dr Mahathir's remarks at a dinner, when he said he had put behind him last year's row with Britain over the Pergau Dam.

☐ *Manila: A Philippine mayor and six aides were sentenced to seven life terms each for the rape and murder of a 21-year-old student and the killing of her friend, 19. The case stirred publicity in a nation where rich and politically powerful offenders are rarely brought to justice. (Reuter)*

Russians fly American into space

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

TWO decades after an American and a Soviet spacecraft linked up 140 miles above the Earth, an American yesterday became the first astronaut to fly aboard a Russian rocket.

On an icy, windswept day at the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, Norman Thagard blasted off with a Soyuz rocket and two Russian cosmonauts. They were headed for the orbiting space station Mir. "To see a US astronaut sitting there for the first time in a Russian space suit, next to his Russian commander, I think it's wonderful," said Will Trafton, a Nasa official watching the launch.

As well as boosting US-Russian relations, which have recently suffered a series of setbacks over the war in Chechenia, yesterday's launch served a more practical purpose. Mr Thagard's scheduled 90-day journey will set a new American record for time spent in space. Already on board Mir is Valeri Ployakov, who has been there for some 420 days.

Americans and Russians, together with Europeans, Canadians and the Japanese, are having to grow accustomed to increased co-operation in space as they prepare to build the international Alpha space station, a multibillion-pound project scheduled to be completed in three stages by 2002.

Mr Thagard, a former US Marine flyer, has spent a year preparing for the mission at Russia's Star City complex outside Moscow. He says he found learning Russian harder than the gruelling physical preparations for the mission. He has clearly earned the trust and respect of his Russian colleagues, and will be left in sole control of Mir when they undertake a planned series of spacewalks. Mir is scheduled to link up in June with the American space shuttle Atlantis, which will be carrying a crew of five Americans and two Russians.

London: The parliamentary assembly of the Council of Europe yesterday expressed "deep regret" at the Duma's decision to dismiss Sergei Kovalyov as Russia's human rights commissioner. It praised his "exemplary courage" for opposing the action in Chechenia.

☐ **President defied:** The Central Asian republic of Kazakhstan was in the grip of a constitutional crisis yesterday after a majority of deputies in parliament refused to accept President Nazarbayev's dissolution order. A group of 130 parliamentarians in the 170-seat chamber unanimously voted to contest a constitutional court ruling that parliament was illegitimate because of unfair elections last year.

In Chechenia, General Dzhokhar Dudayev, the breakaway republic's fugitive leader, promised yesterday to carry the bloody war from his breakaway republic on to the streets of Russia's cities. Speaking in a hideout in southern Chechenia, the former Soviet air force officer said that "suicide squads" were being prepared for guerrilla operations and that Russian officials responsible for the three-month assault on the republic would be targeted for reprisal attacks.

NEWS IN BRIEF

British envoy attacks arrest of Nigerian

BRITAIN yesterday expressed "deep concern" over the Nigerian military Government's arrest of General Olusegun Obasanjo, a former military ruler who was accused of involvement in a coup plot (Michael Binyon writes).

The British High Commissioner has been instructed to make representations to every member of the regime to whom he has access. General Obasanjo has been invited to take part in the Government's high profile conference on Britain's place in the world later this month. British officials still hope he will attend.

Army trimmed

Bonn: Volker Rühe, the Defence Minister, proposed shutting 19 military bases and reducing personnel at 28 others as Germany slims down its armed forces in the post-Cold War era. *(Reuter)*

Election date

Johannesburg: Local elections will be held throughout South Africa on November 1, President Mandela said. Only a few people, mostly whites, have so far registered to vote. They must do so by April 28.

Tibet aid

Peking: Aid packages have been dropped from helicopters to about 127,000 Tibetans, isolated without food since the middle of last month after the heaviest snowfalls in 50 years. *(AFP)*

Children hurt

Pisa: A three-year-old gypsy boy and his sister, 13, were seriously injured when a booby-trapped doll given to them by a passing motorist exploded as they begged in this Italian city. *(AFP)*

Jumbo sale

Budapest: Lions' whiskers, crocodile teeth, a giraffe's shinbone and rare plants are among objects to be auctioned by Budapest Zoo to help replace an elephant who died of pneumonia. *(AFP)*

Clinton blocks oil contract with Iran

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton blocked an American oil company's billion-dollar contract with Iran yesterday, citing the Tehran Government's continued support for terrorism as well as its undermining of the Middle East peace process and pursuit of nuclear weapons and delivery systems.

Conoco of Houston had planned to develop two huge offshore oil and gas fields for Iran near the Strait of Hormuz in the Persian Gulf. Conoco's Dutch subsidiary had won the contract in competition with two French companies, Elf Aquitaine and Total, after three years of negotiations.

The agreement had drawn increasing criticism in Washington and from influential board members of Conoco's parent, Du Pont, the world's largest chemical company. Eventually, Conoco suggested that a presidential executive order banning all such deals would provide a graceful way for it to withdraw.

When Mr Clinton formally signs the order within a few days it will prevent Conoco and other US companies, as well as American citizens, from entering into any contracts for the financing, supervision or management of oil development projects in Iran. The order runs counter to the Administration's usual posture of energetically promoting US business overseas. "We need to send a clear and unequivocal message to Iran that there can be no normal relations until Iran's unacceptable behaviour changes," said Mike McCurry, White House spokesman. US commerce with Iran has been banned since 1979 in retaliation for the seizure of the US Embassy by Islamic militants.

The White House statement said the Administration had worked co-operatively with senior executives of Conoco and "the President appreciates the willingness of Conoco to work with us on this important issue".

Iran, the White House said, had been pressured to mend its ways to no avail. To allow American companies to finance or manage oil and gas resources would simply increase Iran's productive capacity and economic strength. Mindful that one of the French companies might now take up the contract, the Administration called on other nations to co-operate in imposing similar sanctions on Iran.

The statement said Washington had worked closely with allied governments to prevent Iran's access to goods that would enhance its military capabilities. Washington had also sought to limit Iran's resources by opposing subsidised lending.

Bulls' star sparks a stampede

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK



Jordan: Wall Street rises on his anticipated return

IN A sign of the extraordinary commercial power wielded by American celebrity sportsmen, stocks of companies promoted by Michael Jordan have surged amid rumours that the basketball star may be returning to the sport he dominated after a season as a minor league baseball player.

Jordon, 32, has yet to announce his return to the Chicago Bulls, the team he led to victory in the NBA for three consecutive years. Since last Thursday, when his possible return was mooted, the combined Wall Street value of the five companies he endorses has swelled by $2.3 billion (£1.4 billion).

Jordan retired 17 months ago to play baseball. But a poor batting record has persuaded him to return to basketball, reports said.

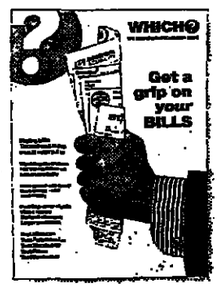
On his retirement Jordan had the highest scoring record in basketball history and an income to match. Even in minor-league baseball, he earned $30 million a year from advertising, more than twice that of any other sportsman. If he returns to basketball his salary is expected to climb still higher.

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Germans welcome Krenz charges

Berlin Politburo chiefs to be tried

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

EGON KRENZ, the former leader of East Germany, is to be tried with six other former members of the Politburo on charges of authorising the killing of people who tried to clamber to freedom over the Berlin Wall.

The 57-year-old former party chief who replaced Erich Honecker, has been working as a "business consultant" since the collapse of the East German state. Until yesterday, when the indictment was issued, he seemed confident that the case would be suspended or that he would be granted an amnesty. But the prosecutor, who has prepared 1,600 pages of evidence, said that the charges would be pressed and hinted that the trial would begin next year.

According to the indictment, two of the accused, 84-year-old Erich Muckenberger and Kurt Hager, the 82-year-old former party ideologist, "actively contributed" to fundamental Politburo decisions concerning the implementation of the East-West death strip. The other defendants, including Herr Krenz, are accused of neglecting the opportunity, as fully-fledged Politburo members, to relax the border measures and thus prevent the killing and wounding of escapees. The death strip included minefields, automatically triggered machineguns and motorised patrols of border troops.

The German press hailed the decision. The north Bavarian *Kurier* reminded readers that Erich Mielke, head of the former Stasi secret police, has been sentenced to jail and the late Honecker was at least put on trial while Herr Krenz remained free. "Krenz was a criminal. It is difficult to understand why he is not sitting in prison ... he blessed every perversion against escapees and allowed people to be shot like rabbits."

The charge clearly states that Herr Krenz violated East German law, since the order to shoot would-be defectors violated human rights treaties approved by the East German state. But it will nonetheless be difficult to make the rather vague charges stick: Herr Krenz is, in effect, being charged with a negative act — not using his position to change an inhuman ruling. If nothing else, the trial should provide a remarkable insight into the workings of the leadership of a communist state.

The widow of Herr Honecker is meanwhile said to be anxious to leave her Chilean exile and return to Germany. Since her husband's death in Chile last year, and the marital problems of her daughter, married to a Chilean, she has been making inquiries about coming home. This emerged yesterday on the fringes of a visit to Bonn by President Frei of Chile. The critical question is whether she can be given immunity from prosecution if she returns to Germany.



Arno Funke, who extorted money using techniques in Donald Duck cartoons, outside a Berlin court before being jailed yesterday

Police get last laugh on cartoon criminal

BY ROGER BOYES

AN ECCENTRIC German extortionist who modelled his crimes on the comic strips of Donald Duck was yesterday jailed for seven years and nine months.

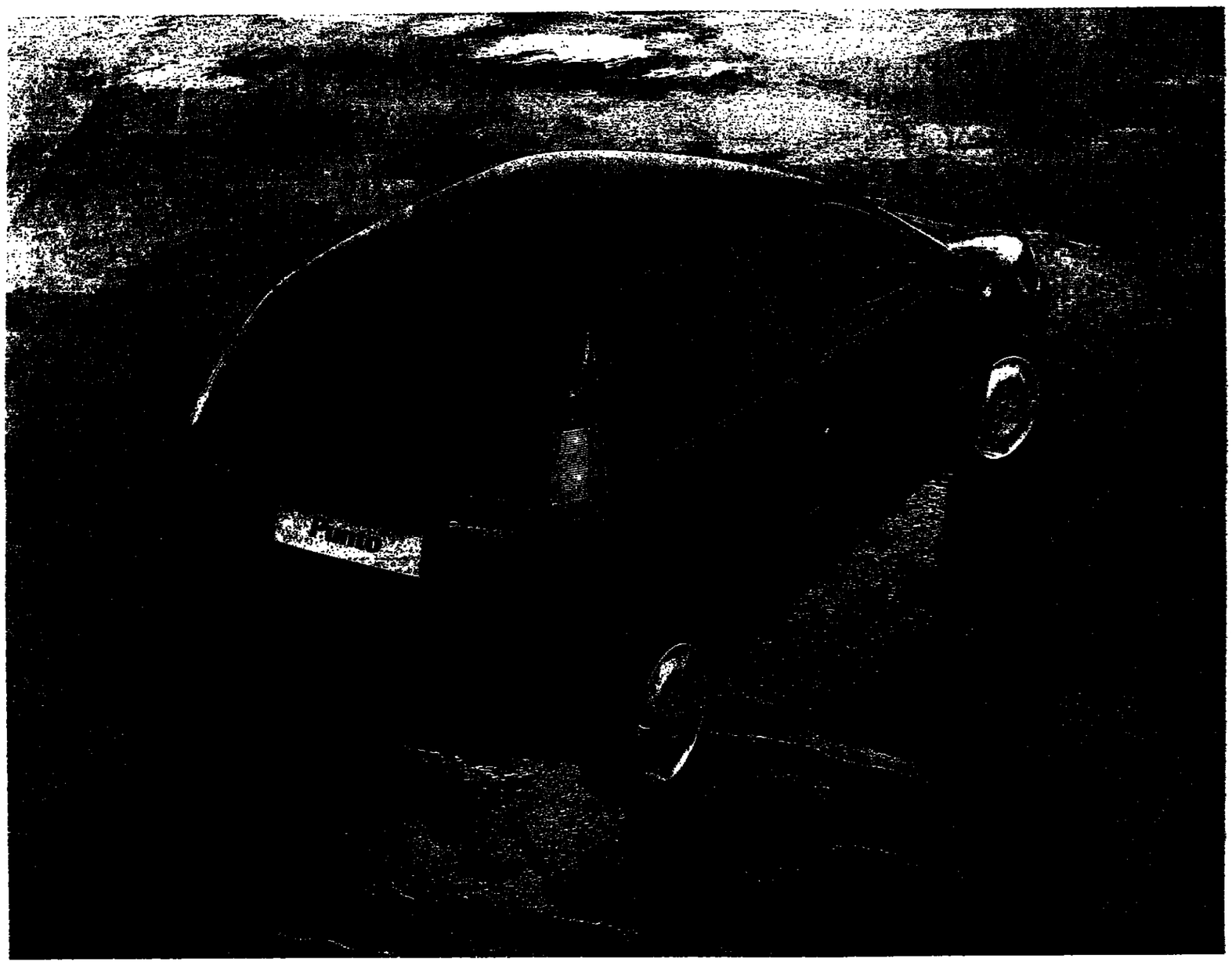
Arno Funke, known as Dagobert — the German version of the money-obsessed Uncle Scrooge McDuck (right), Donald's rich relative — was found guilty of six bomb attacks and trying to extort money from the KaDeWe department store in Berlin and the Karstadt chain.

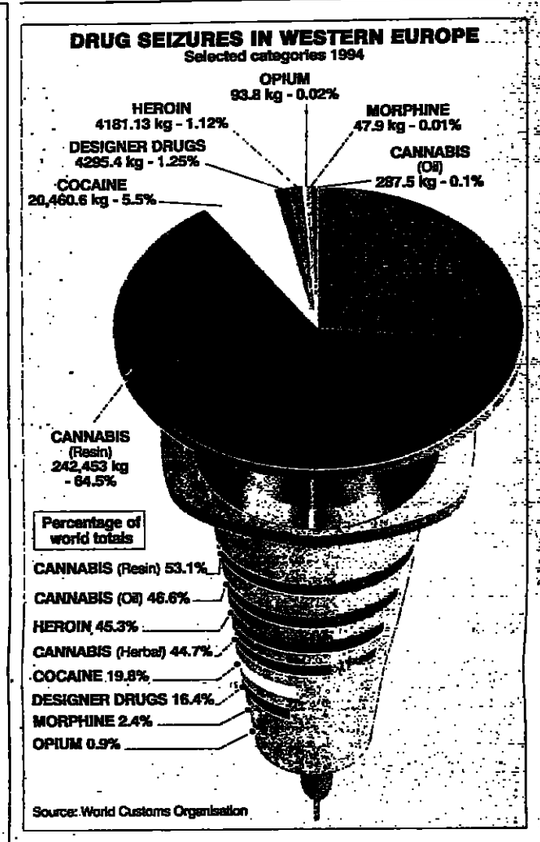
Funke has become something of a folk hero because of his repeated narrow escapes from the police and his ingenious tricks in arranging the transfer of money. On one occasion he demanded that the ransom be attached by a magnet to the outside of an express train. Another pick-up was supposed to be made from a remote-controlled toy submarine. On another occasion, a pursuing policeman slipped on a pile of dog excrement, allowing him to escape on a bicycle. He would project his voice with microphones hidden in sewers and use electronic gadgets to throw police off the track.

The extortion plans showed no great imagination. Small bombs were planted in shops and after the explosions, usually at night, Funke would make his demand for millions of marks. His technical skill went into arranging the handover of the ransom. Almost always the techniques were borrowed from adventures in Donald Duck comics.



Funke, who has an IQ of 145, was described by his lawyers as being mentally ill, suffering deep depression as a result of inhaling fumes during his work as a varnisher. The Donald Duck escapades were his way of keeping sane, they said. He said yesterday: "I did it because I feared the future more than I feared death." He could think of no other way of becoming financially secure.





Colombia's leader blames Europe for drugs trade boom

FROM MICHAEL DYNES IN BRUSSELS

EUROPE'S external frontier is one of the weakest links in the international effort to stamp out the burgeoning traffic in cocaine, Ernesto Samper, the President of Colombia, said yesterday.

Cocaine exports will continue to grow until consumer countries recognise that they, not producer countries, are the primary cause of the international drugs problem and have the courage to implement policies to stamp out the trade, President Samper said.

His indictment of Europe's anti-drug policies coincides with the publication of the latest figures collected by the World Customs Organisation, which show that European seizures of cocaine alone have almost doubled to 20,460 kilos (45,466lbs) over the past year.

Spain and Portugal remain the main gateway for cocaine into Europe, although seizures in Holland, especially Rotterdam, which handles 40 per cent of Europe's external trade, and Britain, have increased dramactically.

The increase comes as most members of the European Union are preparing to abolish internal frontiers. But many critics fear that the new external barrier will be no match for the combination of Colombian cartels, Italian Mafia and East European gangsters, who have set their sights on Europe as the next big market for cocaine.

President Samper said Europe would have to spend far greater amounts of money tightening up its external frontiers, educating citizens about the dangers of drug usage, encouraging co-operation with internationl anti-drug enforcement agencies, and enabling peasant farmers to abandon the cultivation of the coca plant. Only then would Europe avoid developing a drugs problem similar to America's, he said.

In a clear attempt to shift the blame for the global drugs crisis on to consumer countries, President Samper told *The Times*: "If there was no consumption, there would be no production." Countries like Colombia have simply become the "scapegoats" for the growth in Western drug dependency, he added.

Few politicians in Europe and America appreciate the enormous price Colombia has had to pay in its battle with the cocaine cartels, he said. Since the late 1980s, 3,400 Colombians have been killed, four presidential candidates have been assassinated, and billions of pounds have been spent trying to destroy coca plants and cocaine laboratories.

Since taking office in 1994, President Samper's Government has stepped up the war against drug cartels, while at the same time denouncing the rest of the world for not doing enough to stamp out demand and clamp down on money laundering.

In the first six months of his administration, the Government has seized about 40 tonnes of refined cocaine, destroyed an estimated 7,000 hectares (17,500 acres) of coca crops, and confiscated around 500,000 gallons of related manufacturing chemicals. It has also set itself the target of destroying all cocaine, opium and marijuana cultivation over the next two years. The country has an estimated 390 square miles under cultivation.

During discussions with European Commission officials in Brussels over the past two days, President Samper has asked for greater financial assistance to encourage peasant farmers to abandon coca plant cultivation in favour of alternative sources of income. He also sought increased co-operation to prevent cocaine from crossing international frontiers, and an international convention against money laundering.

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Angry Canadians say Spanish have resumed fishing

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN BRUSSELS

JACQUES ROY, the Canadian Ambassador to the European Union yesterday stepped up the "fish war", accusing Spanish fishermen of criminal conduct in their exploitation of scarce stocks in the north-western Atlantic.

At the same time, Brian Tobin, Canada's Fisheries Minister, announced in Ottawa that Spanish trawlers had resumed fishing in international waters off the coast of Newfoundland in a "provocative" manner.

Mr Roy said that an investigation of the contents of the *Estai*, the Spanish trawler whose capture by a Canadian gunboat precipitated the crisis, found that the Spanish captain had under-reported his catch of Greenland halibut by more than 50 per cent.

The Ambassador said that "what the inspectors found should be a shock to the conscience of the world. On the evidence so far, crimes have been committed against conservation". For additional impact he added that "this is far worse than we could imagine in our worst nightmares". He said the normal size of adult Greenland halibut was between 60 and 70cm (23-27 inches) while 79 per cent of the *Estai's* load consisted of turbot less than 38cm in size. He said these results could only occur if the size of fishing net used was 60mm, as opposed to the mandatory 130mm.

The EU categorically denies Canada's allegations that the *Estai* broke international law, even if it was using small mesh nets or under-reported its catch. The rules of fishing in the region are set by the North-West Atlantic Fisheries Organisation, whose quotas and rules have only the status of recommendations and do not fall under the scope of international law.

The EU maintains that Canada's decision to seize the trawler was a clear violation of international maritime law. One official said: "This is not about mesh sizes, it is about the principle of flouting international law."

The Spanish Government yesterday decided to impose visa restrictions for Canadian visitors, and is considering breaking off diplomatic relations with Ottawa. Spain has also called on the EU to impose economic sanctions, but this has so far been rejected by the Commission and EU diplomats.

Emma Bonino, the European Fisheries Commissioner, said that Europe was ready to start negotiations with Ottawa, on condition that the *Estai* is first released. Having originally described the Canadian seizure of the *Estai* in international waters as an "act of organised piracy", Signora Bonino yesterday appeared more conciliatory in her tone, emphasising the need for a diplomatic solution. She also criticised the Spanish decision to send warships to the north Atlantic.

Sir Leon Brittan, the European Commissioner in charge of external relations, said: "I am interested in de-escalating this thing, and not escalating it."

Despite Monday's decision by EU ambassadors to break off top-level talks, the European Commission was yesterday understood to have been in secret talks with the Canadian authorities. Canada's decision to charge the captain, and subsequently to release him on bail, was seen by the EU potentially as a gesture of goodwill. If a similarly ambiguous process was applied to the trawler as well, negotiations between the two sides may stand a better chance of being resumed, according to one source.

If Canada refuses to release the trawler, the EU is almost certain to introduce further retaliatory measures. Trade sanctions will be considered only as a last resort. A further erosion of diplomatic contacts is considered more likely.

☐ **Madrid:** Spain last night threatened to take tough measures against Canada if the *Estai* was not released by 9am today. Luis Atienza, the Fisheries Minister, said Canada was now "confronted by international opposition".

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Emma Bonino, Europe's Fishing Commissioner, announcing a willingness to reopen talks if Canada frees the *Estai*

Balladur nails colours to European mast

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

EDOUARD Balladur, the Gaullist Prime Minister of France, yesterday seized the banner of Europe as he struggled to relaunch a presidential campaign that is staggering under the onslaught of Jacques Chirac, his party chief.

Professing a faith that contrasted with M Chirac's ambiguous stance, M Balladur said the time had come to "embrace a European patriotism driven by a sense of common belonging to some basic principles." Under his leadership, France would strive for a single currency in 1997 and fight for shared social and defence arrangements, he said in Montpellier, in the south. M Balladur repeated his commitment to a non-federal Europe of nations with France and Germany in the vanguard. He later amplified the point, saying: "What Europe needs most today is legitimacy with its own public opinion. For a long time to come, that will be expressed through nation states"

The remarks were part of a risky attempt to bring the issue of Europe into the heart of the campaign. Up to now attention has focused on M Chirac's emergence as the embodiment of Gallic aspirations. Taking heart from a more aggressive M Balladur, the Prime Minister's team hope they can knock M Chirac off the European fence which he has so far straddled. A Euro-sceptic by French standards, M Chirac has avoided specifics as he has wooed both the pro-EU forces of the centre-right and the anti-Maastricht brigade among his Gaullist party and the Left.

While M Balladur has proclaimed himself a believer in a strong but non-federal Europe, only Lionel Jospin, the Socialist candidate, professes to be a champion of full union. The European card is one of the few left for the Balladur team as they watch M Chirac rising from the political grave to which he had recently been consigned. Polls indicate that M Chirac, 62, would defeat M Jospin with about 60 per cent against 40 per cent in the run-off of the election, due on May 7 and that he would attract 65 per cent of votes against M Balladur's 35 per cent.



Balladur: adopting a more aggressive stance

M Balladur, 66, has tried to relaunch himself this week with a more humble and punchy style. He eschewed his usual flowery subjunctives in favour of direct language in an hour-long television appearance. He was aware, he said, that France had not warmed to him. He added that he was a political amateur and the victim of dirty tricks. "In a way, I am in training. But I am firmly determined to do better and to fight." He also promised a 60,000 franc (£7,482) grant for couples buying their first home.

M Balladur's new pitch completes a dazzling reversal in the eight weeks since he proclaimed his candidature in the position of longstanding favourite. As panic has begun to set in among the Prime Minister's band of cabinet backers, M Chirac, a former Prime Minister and two-times loser in presidential elections, has shed his old image as an impetuous bungler in favour of the mantle of serene statesman. Time is running out for M Balladur. No candidate in the 30 years of the elected presidency has reversed a slide on the scale he is suffering less than six weeks from the first round vote.

The explanation is simple. M Balladur has failed to transcend his image as a grey technocrat. His promise to "offer reasonable hope" to France cannot compete with M Chirac's poetic pledges of resurgent Gallic grandeur. "The French need to love, to feel enthusiasm, for someone or something," said *Le Journal du Dimanche*. As a long-time loser, M Chirac also fits France's preference for leaders who have "crossed the desert" of failure.

Nine French soldiers die in Bosnia crash

FROM JOEL BRAND IN ZAGREB

NINE French peacekeepers were killed in a traffic accident along a treacherous mountain road yesterday in the deadliest single incident of three years of United Nations operations in the former Yugoslavia.

Another four soldiers were seriously injured when the vehicle slid on ice and tumbled off a dirt track on Mount Igman, a UN-patrolled demilitarised zone outside Sarajevo. Their snow vehicle fell 150 ft into a ravine.

Eight of the French soldiers were dead by the time rescue crews arrived, and another died in hospital. French troops have suffered the most casualties of any UN contingent.

François Léotard, the French Defence Minister, was to fly to the Bosnian capital yesterday evening to retrieve the bodies, a UN official said. The latest deaths will further dampen French Government enthusiasm for the UN operation in Bosnia-Herzegovina. France has considered withdrawing its forces several times over the past 18 months. Last autumn, it pulled out about 1,000 troops from the Bihac "safe area" in a move that damaged the UN's ability to protect civilians there.

The UN said both the Bosnian Government and the Bosnian Serbs had co-operated in allowing helicopters to fly in medical teams to evacuate the casualties. The Serbs have been blockading UN operations in Bosnia for the past few weeks. Food and fuel is critically short for British, Dutch and Ukrainian troops in several besieged government-held enclaves.

Up to yesterday, 140 peacekeepers had been killed in Bosnia and 1,207 injured.

Street violence spreads to Ankara

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

THE agents provocateurs who opened fired at random down a street lined with coffee shops in a poor suburb of Istanbul succeeded beyond their wildest ambitions. The Gaziosmanpasa area of the city was still under curfew yesterday after a night and a day of rioting in which at least 16 people were killed.

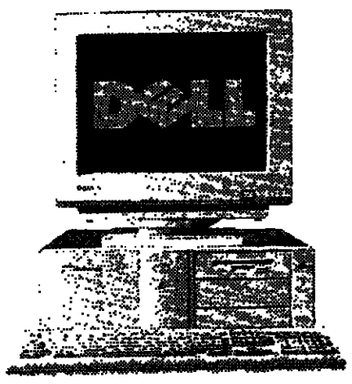
The trouble spread yesterday to Ankara where riot police broke up a rally, using batons, water cannons and dogs to beat back crowds enraged by the trouble in Istanbul. Demonstrators attacked police with sticks and stones. About a dozen police armoured vehicles chased demonstrators, including women, down Ankara's Ataturk Boulevard to the main Kizilay Square.

The rally had been organised by the "Democracy Platform", a liberal bloc of human rights associations. Smaller protests in several Istanbul districts and universities, and the western towns of Bursa, Izmit and Izmir, ended without violence.

The attack which started it all was reminiscent of some of the worst street violence of the 1970s and has led to speculation that the perpetrators were embarking on a campaign to incite a military coup like that which occurred in 1980. The incident appeared also to be calculated to destroy the euphoria which accompanied agreement between the European Union and Turkey to proceed towards a customs union.

Around Gaziosmanpasa last night an uneasy peace reigned between police and demonstrators manning barricades.

The intended victims of Sunday night's violence were members of the Alawite community, a heterodox Islamic group which commands the support of an estimated quarter of the Turkish population. Local residents of an industrial neighbourhood near Istanbul airport took to the streets after a man was killed in a coffee shop and an Alawite place of worship fired upon. Protesters accused the police of staging the attack.



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Arabs delighted by Mrs Major's lone visit to West Bank

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN BETHLEHEM

NORMA MAJOR yesterday angered Israeli officials and delighted Palestinians when she defied Israeli advice and toured one of the largest refugee camps in the Occupied West Bank. She then braved anti-British demonstrations over Iraqi sanctions without her Israeli military escort.

Showing sang froid, the Prime Minister's normally self-effacing wife was praised by Palestinians for showing more courage than her husband, who they blamed for caving into Israeli pressure by calling off a visit to Palestine Liberation Organisation offices in east Jerusalem by a Foreign Office minister.

Protected by a single bodyguard from Scotland Yard, Mrs Major narrowly missed being involved in a stoning attack on the heavily-guarded Israeli police station in Bethlehem's Manger Square. She looked with incomprehension at an Israel Radio reporter who asked her whether she felt safe without Israeli troops at her side, and refused to answer his question.

The gratitude of the Palestinians was voiced by Hanna Nassar, the pro-PLO deputy mayor of Bethlehem, who said: "You neglected the advice of the Israelis and we are delighted you came to see for yourself that Bethlehem is safer than any other place in the world." She then presenting her with a giant mother of pearl jewel box, which Mrs Major said she would "enjoy filling".

The rebuffed radio reporter told colleagues the Israelis had been infuriated by what they saw as Mrs Major's snub. She travelled through Israeli road blocks in a Volvo with diplomatic plates accompanied by Elizabeth Dalton, the wife of Britain's senior diplomat in charge of relations with the PLO. The wisdom of the decision not to accept Israeli guards was demonstrated at Dheisheh, the squalid, stinking and violent refugee camp on the outskirts of Bethlehem that houses more than 9,000 Palestinians and is surrounded by a 35 ft-high wire fence.

"There is not a doubt that had Mrs Major come here in the company of Israeli soldiers, her party would have been attacked with rocks and stones," said Borje Lagerstrom, the Finnish operations officer for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency. "As it is, her courage has been much admired by the people who live here."

Palestinian feathers had been ruffled by Britain's eleventh-hour decision to send Sir Andrew Green, a Foreign Office official, rather than Douglas Hogg, Minister of State, to PLO headquarters at Orient House in Israeli-annexed east Jerusalem. As a result, the talks lasted barely 20 minutes.



Yassir Arafat welcomes John Major in Gaza City yesterday during a visit in which they agreed on EU monitors for forthcoming elections

Prime Minister enters PLO lair bearing aid

FROM ARTHUR LEATHLEY IN GAZA CITY

JOHN Major yesterday became the first Western leader to hold talks with Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Orgnaisation chairman, in his Arab heartland.

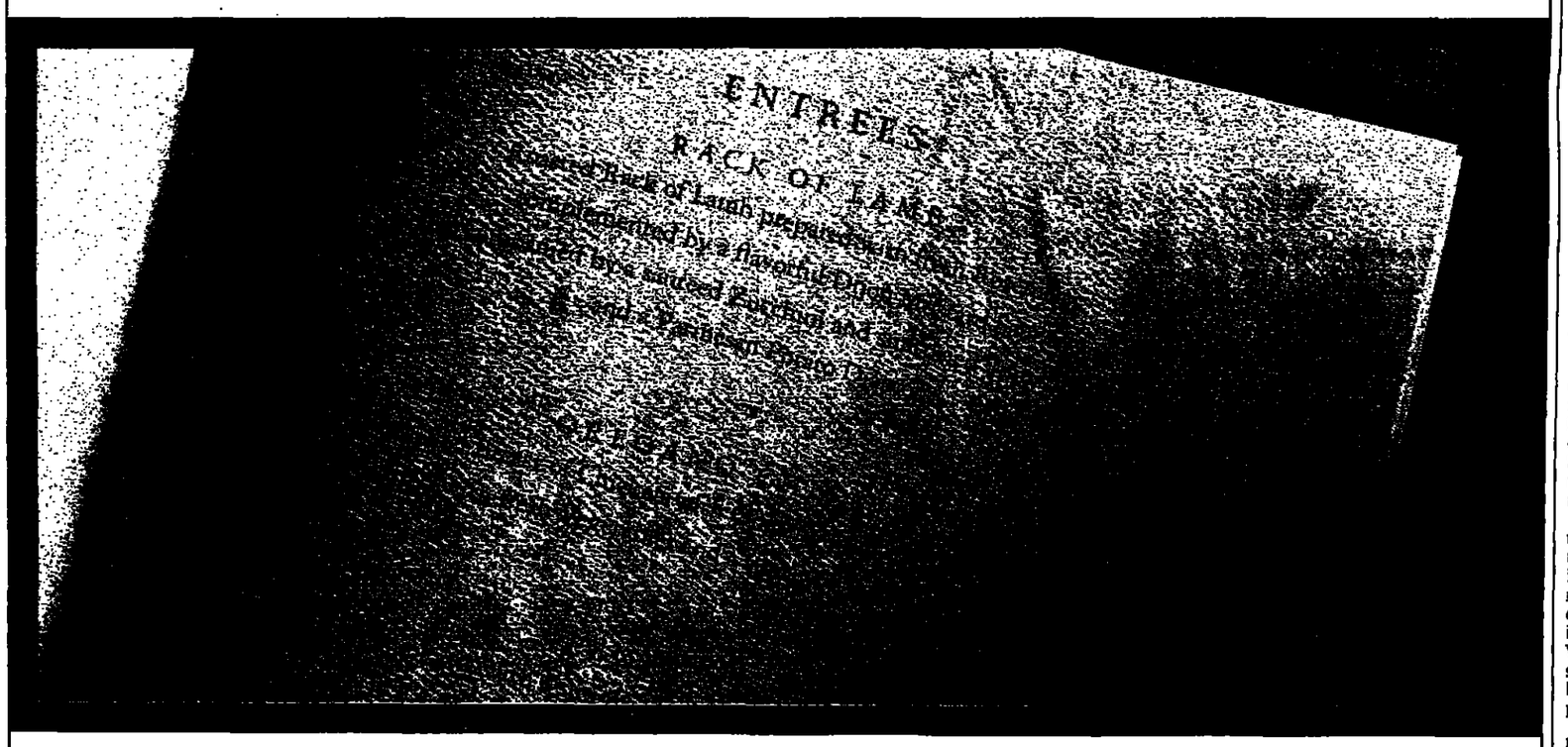
When the Prime Minister last visited the occupied territories, he was a backbench MP and Mr Arafat was treated by the West as a pariah. Yesterday Mr Major was warmly greeted by the PLO leader as he crossed the border from Israel and later drove into Gaza City in a heavily-guarded convoy. A planned visit by the Prime Minister to the Shati refugee camp was cancelled when a member of a Palestinian security unit accidentally shot dead a ten-year-old boy.

Mr Major held talks lasting more than an hour with Mr Arafat before touring the city, including the new police headquarters. The British Government handed over 25 Land Rovers and 25 minibuses to the force. Mr Major announced a £550,000 aid package and said he had secured Mr Arafat's agreement for European Union monitors to oversee forthcoming elections in Gaza. He also announced £7 million in aid over three years to set up an East European-style "know-how" fund.

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Hindu extremists take control of wealthy Bombay

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

THE saffron flag of Hindu militancy was raised over the state legislature in Bombay yesterday as zealots took power in India's commercial capital. The development represents a resurgence of Hindu nationalism and the revival of the aggressive *Hindutva* (Hinduness) movement.

Several symbolic changes could come swiftly: Bombay could revert to its ancient name of Mumbai, the official language of the courts may be switched from English to Marathi, and military training may become compulsory for boys and girls. And alcohol may be banned.

These, anyway, are the promises of Bal Thackeray, an instigator of riots and scourge of Muslims who has become the most powerful man in India's richest region. His feared Shiv Sena organisation, tantamount to a private army, came to power in state elections in alliance with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), a Hindu group with a violent sectarian record.

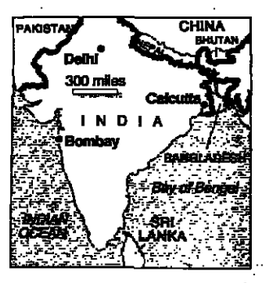
Maharashtra state and Bombay, its capital, are the cornerstone of India's economic hopes. It is the most industrialised region, and India would pay dearly if Shiv Sena and the BJP decided to use official machinery to promote their sectarian beliefs.

The capture of Maharashtra and the BJP's victory in the neighbouring industrialised state of Gujarat have reversed the fortunes of Hindu hardliners after humiliating electoral defeats last year. While the BJP tends to restrain its rhetoric, Shiv Sena has built a reputation on public Muslim-baiting.

For the Congress party, being mauled in practically all areas of the country, the loss of Bombay is its greatest humiliation, and comes just a year before the next general election. Although the Shiv Sena's Manohar Joshi is Chief Minister, Mr Thackeray is the real power in the new administration.

Muslims are dismayed. Shiv Sena has 40,000 dedicated followers called *Sainiks*, most of them thugs who do Mr Thackeray's bidding. In January 1993 they helped instigate ten days of anti-Muslim rioting that took at least 600 lives until Mr Thackeray ordered a halt by proclaiming: "enough is enough. You have shown [Muslims] their proper place." The BJP and other gangs joined the carnage, forcing thousands of Muslims out of the city and destroying Muslim neighbourhoods. City contractors contributed to the terror so they could grab vacated land.

Mr Thackeray, who urged Hindus to take up arms, called it a religious crusade. He boasted of Shiv Sena's involvement in the riots in signed editorials in his newspaper, *Samna*, in which he called Muslims traitors. Police, not daring to defy Shiv Sena, stood by while Muslims were slaughtered. The then Congress-controlled state government was paralysed.



Both Shiv Sena and the BJP have pledged to continue economic reforms to attract investment in Bombay, although they are opposed to unchecked Western cultural influences. This could lead to a change of economic direction, with implications for national economic policy.

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Iraq coup plot fails

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

AN elaborate but unsuccessful attempt was made to overthrow President Saddam Hussein of Iraq earlier this month, according to reports reaching Washington yesterday.

It was organised by Wafiq Samaraii, a retired major-general. He was relying on co-ordinated help from Kurds in the north, Shia Muslims in the south and the Iraqi National Congress, the main opposition group. The attempt also depended on disaffected Iraqi troops, but the army remained loyal, or at least on the sidelines. Having overestimated his support, General Samaraii fled to Syria.

Still, the Clinton Administration apparently took the effort seriously. Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, in the Middle East on a diplomatic tour, gave a detailed briefing about the plot to King Fahd of Saudi Arabia.

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If children spend too long at video games, **Libby Purves** has some sympathy: it is probably because they have no green space to run around in

A different kind of child abuse

SCIENCE fiction writers always get there first. Years ago, when computers took up whole rooms, there was a story in which mysterious objects fall out of the sky into a simple, rural area. The locals open them up, and find nothing but a few toys — brightly coloured cubes and puzzles. So they give them to the children.

After a week or two, the children start asking unusual questions of a mathematical nature. The parents shrug and say "Kids!". Then, one day, after a lot of intense geometric games, the children vanish. An alien intelligence has stealthily taught them to transfer themselves into another dimension. It was brilliant: it played on all the old fears of demonic possession and Pied Pipers, and all the new fears of science. I think of that story whenever I see headlines like yesterday's "Age of the Zombies" or "Hard Drug Computers".

I actually told it to Monday's conference at the National Children's Bureau, which spawned the headlines. It was not meant to be all doom: there were IT lecturers and computer-literate schoolchildren as well as psychologists. But reporters prefer doom. Elizabeth Stutz is widely quoted, saying that children get "indoctrinated" by electronic games and give up leapfrog. Professor Elizabeth Newson, who has battled steadily against the availability of sadistic videos for home viewing, made only one comment on violent games, but it was seized upon, at the expense of her real exposé of what the film industry's perverted violence does to children's minds. So we end up with the usual refrain of "Help! Computers are stealing my baby's soul!"



Which is unconstructive. Even Dr Mark Griffiths, speaking on the dangers of excess, said that only 7 per cent of 12 to 16-year-olds play for long periods; and only 1 per cent of those seem "addicted". That is not an epidemic: it is a sign that a few children have problems. If others spend too long at the screen, it is because we do not, as a society, bother to provide them with safe places and green spaces in which to play. The most sophisticated child will lark around healthily outdoors, given a chance. It is just that we don't give them a chance. We are preoccupied, or selfish, or idle, and leave them with the screen.

This is not an underclass problem. Educated, affluent parents can show astonishing negligence over new technology. Ask what their child likes and they say vaguely "Computer games". Ask which, and they look affronted. If you inquired about eating habits or GCSE choices, you would get detailed answers. But they think all games are the same: it is as if you asked who their babysitter was, and they said "Oh... some guy". Or as if they confused *Sesame Street* with *Elm Street*.

If electronic games are disgusting, we should not let children have them. There are others on sale: some harmless slapstick violence, some brilliantly strategic, some downright educational. The industry is showing vague signs of policing itself with age labels, but it would buck up its ideas if parents and teachers took an interest, compared notes, complained, and generally exerted market forces. These games cost up to sixty quid each: children don't spend that sort of money unaided.

Just don't blame the computer. It is only a thing, like a brick or an iron bar. Whether you build a church with it, or hit someone over the head, is up to you. Ethics don't change, only objects do.

ALAN WELLER



Ruth Gledhill sits patiently in front of her computer terminal in London waiting for a reply to her electronic mail sent to Dr Billy Graham in San Juan, Puerto Rico

Waiting for God's word

The evangelist Dr Billy Graham wants a high-tech crusade, so **Ruth Gledhill** contacted him, eventually, through the Internet

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God," said the prophet Isaiah. I could think of no better way to test the truth of this prophecy than by way of an interview on the information superhighway through the sensate desert of cyberspace with the world's top evangelist, Dr Billy Graham.

As someone who functioned adequately until now with T-line shorthand, and had failed miserably to master even a miniature tape recorder, the challenge of an online interview seemed somewhat apocalyptic.

Dr Graham is planning to use satellite technology to spread his message around the world. The "Global Mission", which begins tomorrow, is intended to reach eight million people at 2,200 locations in 175 countries from a stadium in San Juan, Puerto Rico. There will be 300 hours of satellite transmissions over three days. In Britain, it can be seen at the Shaftesbury Theatre in London and 90 other venues nationwide.

The organisers have had tough negotiations with satellite owners because so many channels are being used to transmit the O. J. Simpson trial from Los Angeles. Press material, updates and video news releases on the Mission can also be accessed through Compuserve on the Christian Interactive Network by keying in "Go CIN".

The campaign slogan is: "Billy Graham. Direct, free & at a dish near you."

Dr Graham, 76, was enthusiastic about a "chat" over the Internet. My own Tandy mobile laptop computer and modem, which has functioned for two years sending copy to *The Times*, belongs to the dark, hot-metal age of computer technology. I had no choice but to take the tube down to the UK's first cybercafé, Café Cyberia off Tottenham Court Road, London, where access to the Internet comes for little more than the price of a telephone call and a bottle of ink.

Dr Graham himself admits that "technology alone will never accomplish God's work, and unless the spirit of God works in the hearts and minds of people, then it is all in vain".

In the post-postmodern atmosphere of the cybercafé, New Age music seeps out of hidden speakers and Internet users sit with tea and cakes around sea-green amoeba-shaped tables waiting patiently for a computer to become vacant. To these people, the initials BG are more likely to mean Bill Gates of Microsoft than Billy Graham.

The plan was to talk to Dr Graham over IRC, Internet Relay Chat, where messages can be relayed across the globe, either in private or on a public line which others can then log into and join in. It became clear in microseconds that Dr Graham was too busy in the real world with press conferences, speeches and public meetings to sit down for a sustained "chat". We had to abandon IRC and settle for straight, old-fashioned electronic mail.



Billy Graham: slow to answer

The terrible thing about e-mail is that, like its postal equivalent, an interviewee can respond as, when and how they wish. The information superhighway could at last be the means by which millions of people worldwide escape the tyranny of journalists on the telephone.

One day went by, then two, then three. Still no response in my Compuserve mailbox @ Café Cyberia. I was beginning to feel spaced out, so Daniel Barnbach, the cybercafé's assistant manager, took me surfing on the World Wide Web, where the world's believers from all religious communities are indulging their love of argument and speculation.

Accessing the Internet Catalog at Carnegie Mellon University in America, we were quickly into the Billy Graham Archives at Wheaton College, Illinois. Still no word from Dr Graham himself, so we visited the Anglican web site, rated among the top five religious resources on the Internet. We looked into Shamanism, Wicca and Zoroastrianism. It seemed appropriate, while waiting for an answer.

At last, Dr Graham answered. He finds the response to high-technology missions better than to more standard ones. "This frankly surprised us, and we have concluded that perhaps it is a demonstration of the impact of the large screen," he says. "I believe it also may be because many more people are aware of a major effort like this, and are praying as a result."

Asked how he could counter the basic incredibility of Christianity in a rational, computer-led world, he answers: "G. K. Chesterton once said that the problem is not that Christianity has been tried and found wanting, but that it has been found difficult and not tried at all."

Dr Graham believes the central issues of our time are moral and political. He is concerned with racism and ethnic violence. "Evil will continue as long as the world exists, for it comes from inside us, from our hearts that are in rebellion against God.

"People are beginning to realise that science has its limits, for it has not been able to answer the deepest questions of human existence — questions such as: Who am I? Where did I come from? Why am I here? What happens when I die? What is the meaning of life?" Science has not solved social and personal problems, he says: "We are seeing an upsurge of interest in the spiritual, and one reason is because people are realising that there must be more to life. That is why I point people to the message of the Bible."

His goal is to use the latest technology to preach the Gospel to as many people as possible. "Never in my life have I seen people so hungry for answers to life's deepest questions," he says. "If Jesus were on Earth today, I have no doubt He would take advantage of these new technologies to spread His message, and so should we."

● *Delphi Internet (0171-757 7080).*
● *For free tickets for Billy Graham call 01255 673122.*

What is the matter with Stephen Fry?

Dr Thomas Stuttaford, a close friend of the Fry family for thirty years, suggests reasons for the actor's self-imposed exile

Stephen Fry normally bounds through life like an amiable labrador — too big for his surroundings, too active for the slothful people around him and too anxious to please. He has learnt as many an over-exuberant dog does that the world is not the kindly place it appears to be; he has been kicked by those from whom he might have expected succour.

When the physique is damaged others share the sufferer's problems; chairs will be produced, taxis ordered, the best corner seats in the restaurant will be reserved so that the patient's words may be heard the more clearly. Conversely when the psyche has received a battering, condemnation for the troubles this may cause will be heaped on the person's shoulders and their troubles deepened.



Stephen Fry with his father

Stephen Fry has not only recently learnt the truth of Ella Wheeler Wilcox's adage that "laugh, and the world laughs with you;/ weep and you weep alone;/ for the sad old earth must borrow its mirth,/ But has trouble enough of its own"; but he has found that there is a rider to it. Physical injury is respected, physical disease tolerated, but if someone is overwhelmed by a disturbed temperament, however much beyond the individual's control, there is little sympathy. It is reported that Fry recently presented a medical certificate which said he was suffering from depression; from my knowledge of his earlier life, this would seem to be very likely.

Since childhood it has been obvious that Fry has a cyclothymic temperament. In the dictionary cyclothymia is defined as a temperament characterised by cyclic alternations of mood between elation and depression. Carried to extremes, the condition is described as a bipolar affective disorder, medical jargon for having a mood which tends to swing, quite beyond the control of the patients, from extremes of excitement and hyperactivity — when the patient is the life and soul of every party and may undertake a huge workload — to self-deprecation, lack of self-esteem and to the feelings of unworthiness and hopelessness which characterise the depressive state.

The very work accepted when somebody is elated — Fry worked for television, radio, and cinema as well as doing his normal writing and being a very conscientious Rector of Dundee University — tends to deepen the depression when the mood alters and thereafter heightens the likelihood of breakdown. Patients who suffer from cyclothymia or bipolar affective disorder can no more control their mood swing than Canute could order the tides.

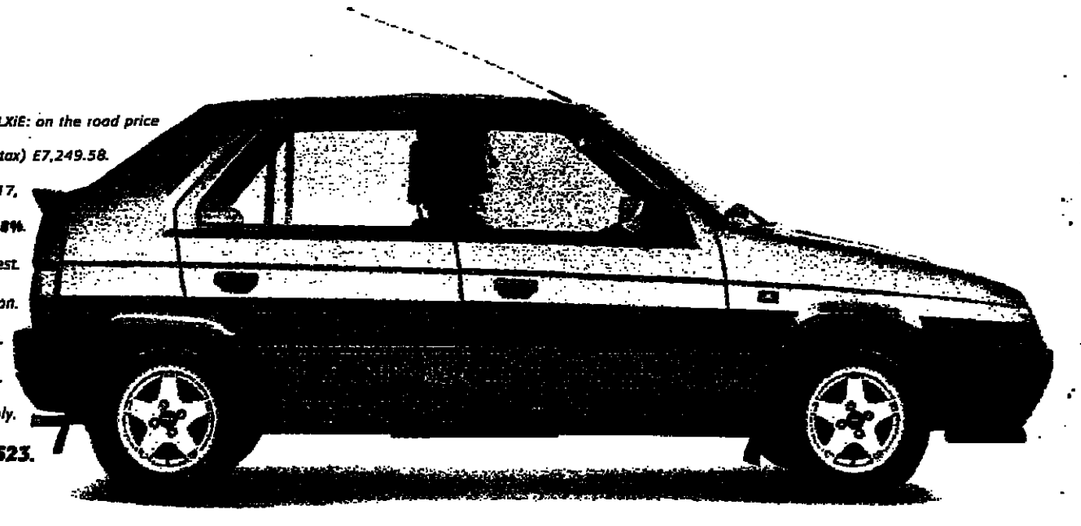
This temperament, which has advantages as well as disadvantages, is in most cases genetically determined and is as inevitable as hair colour or height. When not running out of control, some degree of hypermania, or elation, is a quality which creates some of the best salesmen, politicians and leaders, but carried to extremes unchecked it will cause mayhem. The disability is biochemical and related to serotonin levels in the central nervous system which can be varied with appropriate treatment.

Treatment is not confined to use of drugs. Cognitive therapy is also useful. In this patients are taught about the deficiencies in their mental armoury and how to accommodate them. Possibly the best results are obtained by a combination of cognitive therapy and medication. If Fry is wise he will, as indeed it seems he probably has done, steal away to a quiet secluded spot where he can go into retreat, review his life and its stresses, understand what precipitated his crisis and, while there, swallow whatever pills he has been prescribed. He will soon come out from the shadows to amuse us all again, for such is his ability and personality that it is unthinkable that they could be extinguished by the emergence of the aberrant side of his psyche and a difficult few months.

He will have to seek help in controlling not only his depressive but his elated moods, when the world seems to be a stage which he can dominate at will and when tiredness and sleep seem to be optional extras. While he is re-establishing an even keel he does not need to talk of behaving in a most cowardly fashion, or to offer exhortations that "people should not waste their sympathy on his squalid little story". Stephen Fry has suffered just as if he had appendicitis or pneumonia, and in those cases no one would be disparaging.

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Fashion

IAIN R. WEBB

British fashion exists in extremes — from the deliberately anarchic street attire of the nation's teenage rebels (ripped jeans and pierced noses), to the comforting security blanket of establishment classics (trenchcoats and twinsets). These may appear poles apart, but each has its own place in British style.

Over last weekend, London Fashion Week presented 29 shows featuring the autumn/winter collections of 37 diverse designers, each with his or her own definite look and understanding of what *fashion* means. At first glance it may seem idiotic to try to compare the work of Jean Muir and Alexander McQueen, or discuss Margaret Howell and Hussein Chalayan in the same breath, but the banner of British fashion nevertheless unites them — as do several overriding themes.

If you want to know what British designers want you to wear next winter, it is a relatively straightforward shopping list: something fitted and sharply tailored; something pale blue, red or grey; something shiny; a pencil-slim skirt (below the knee); long, wide trousers or short, narrow ones; some fake fur; some lace; and lots and lots of black. It really looks that simple.

But of course, it's not. Each designer has an individual message (in fashion the ego knows no bounds), and the catwalk show gives them the opportunity to make a "statement". Edina Ronay is a girl who just wants fashion to be fun — her 1950s-inspired collection was colourful and jolly — while Sonja Nuttall called her collection *Triste*. Despite her talent as a tailor, that was the overall effect of the endless variations on a black shroud or a ballet tutu. Ally Capellino added a touch of glamour, while Helen Storey continued to rethink the definition.

Ben de Lisi, presenting a fashion show for the first time, offered these thoughts in his programme: "There are those who mean to break new ground and discover hidden treasures . . . I simply want to show you what I do best." He showed beautifully cut, understated silhouettes in gorgeous fabrics. A midnight blue shirt, worn with matching long, full skirt (belted) opened the show, and instantly set the tone. Equally straightforward clothes were pieced together in exquisite etched satins, beaded chiffon and fine velvet. Just what de Lisi does best. Neat and complete. As were the shows of Bella Freud and Margaret Howell — both remained faithful to their ideals of womanhood, producing skilfully edited collections.



NICHOLAS KNIGHTLY: wardrobe of languid jersey layers



BELLA FREUD: a tailor-made collection — pretty, witty and always sexy. Photographs by CHRIS MOORE/ANDREW THOMAS

Completely the opposite was Alexander McQueen's rambling rage entitled *The Highland Rape*. McQueen's radical style has seen him dubbed a rising star (and rightly so), but this latest collection — all torn-lace dresses and ugly sex 'n' violence imagery — sees him fall from favour.

Several of the younger designers disappointed. Hussein Chalayan appears stuck in a groove, his future-world fashions almost as monotonous as the bleep-and-booster soundtrack which accompanied them; Pearce Fionda's monochromatic movie-queen wardrobe, although elegant, repeated one idea over and over; and Owen Gaster, who would have us believe that simply having an idea — that come next winter cyborg mutants will walk into Harvey Nichols and buy his Perspex, rubber and nylon outfits off-the-peg — is enough: wrong, the clever part is taking that idea and turning it into clothes somebody (anybody!) covets.

The more established names appear to have been inspired by the youngsters snapping at their heels. Roland Klein's collection was a winner with its mix of elegant silhouettes and of-the-moment fabrication — stamped leather and PVC jackets were sharply tailored, fake fur and satin adding yet more gloss. Nicole Farhi and Jean Muir both carved a new silhouette — sleek and sexy.

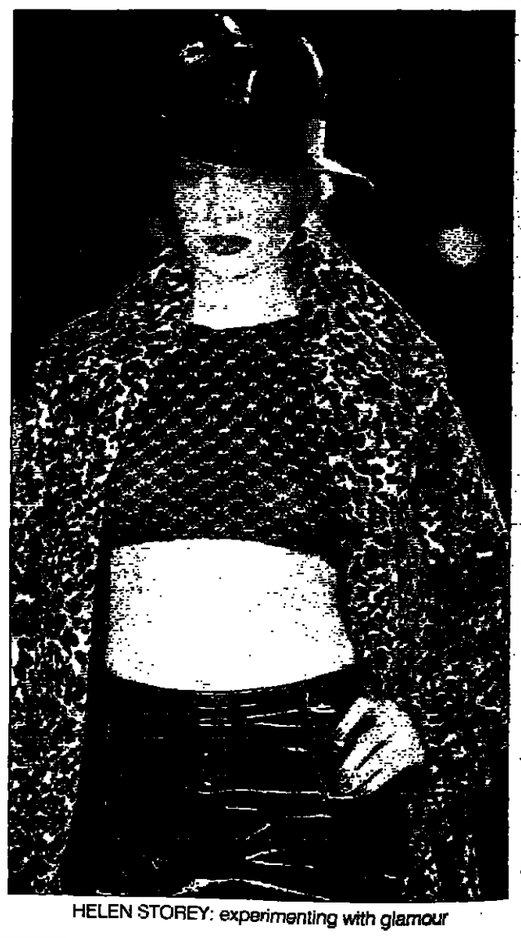
Betty Jackson just gets better and better. Her latest collection was altogether modern. Called *Plain Luxury*, it built an entire wardrobe around two ideas, that clothes should be easy and seductive. This was certainly true of the oversized, Lurex-knit sweaters thrown over a pair of satin pedal-pusher pants, crêpe lace dress and jacket and the bouclé knitted coat and matching dress. Jackson used a minimal palette — black, grey, orange, red and pink — to colour and co-ordinate this desirable mix 'n' match collection.

Among the newer names, Copperwheat Blundell are still making great clothes which are superbly slick, while Nicholas Knightly showed yet more of his effortlessly sleek separates. However, by far the most fabulous collection of all was designed by the relative newcomers, Clements Ribeiro.

Suzanne Clements and Inacio Ribeiro managed to make their statement with the minimum fuss. An expertly edited collection which combined 1960s Parisian chic with an up-to-date attitude. Little suits with tailored, battledress-style jackets, snug-fit sweaters and pleated, knee-length skirts, tie-belt coats, belted shift dresses coloured with chalky pastels looking luxurious yet pretty, classic camel and dynamic black and red. Simply the best . . . of its kind.



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HELEN STOREY: experimenting with glamour

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ROLAND KLEIN: shiny silhouettes strike just the right note



BETTY JACKSON: understated glamour in shades of black

ESSENTIAL ACCESSORIES

● EARRINGS, so long out of favour with the fashion cognoscenti, are now important items on the list of accessories needed to look fashionably groomed. They made a return at London Fashion Week this season as the fashion press sported tiny diamond or pearl studs. Other essentials: a classic, Queen Mum-style handbag reworked in industrial nylon or in miniature was seen everywhere. Ditto Jackie O sunglasses, or wraparound visors, here doubling as hairdo restrainers for stiletto wearers struggling to stay upright. (Towards the end of the hectic schedule, the hazardous heels were left in the closet in favour of demure but practical ballerina slippers.) Darkest plum is the new shade for fingernails but, true to yesteryear's grunge fashion, most were chipped.

● THE HEALTH Education Authority's campaign "Put Smoking Out of Fashion" fell short on impact over London Fashion Week. Although cigarettes are becoming a rare prop on the catwalk and in photographs, in real life it seems those in the business need them more than fresh air to survive. In the coach used to ferry fashion editors and photographers between the shows and in the very busy press office, the air was thick with smoke. The only escape was inside the show tents, where smoking was banned as a fire risk.

● FOUR British designers chose to use Butler & Wilson's jewellery. Typing-pool chic at Roland Klein was set off to great effect with sparkly earrings and diamanté framework belts. Looking like Fagin's haul on Sonja Nuttall's sombre urchins were large gold rings set with coloured stones. The 1940s Art Deco-inspired range helped to create the right period for Reynold Pearce and Andrew Fionda's haute glamour collection.

● THE ULTIMATE accessory at a fashion show has to be a star or two. On the London catwalks were supermodel Niki Taylor looking fantastic after recently giving birth to twins, English aristocrat Honor Frazer, the mock-demonic Laura de Palma, and model legend Jerry Hall.

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ROLAND KLEIN: fake fur and diamanté add even more gloss



MARGARET HOWELL: a clever mix of effortless classics

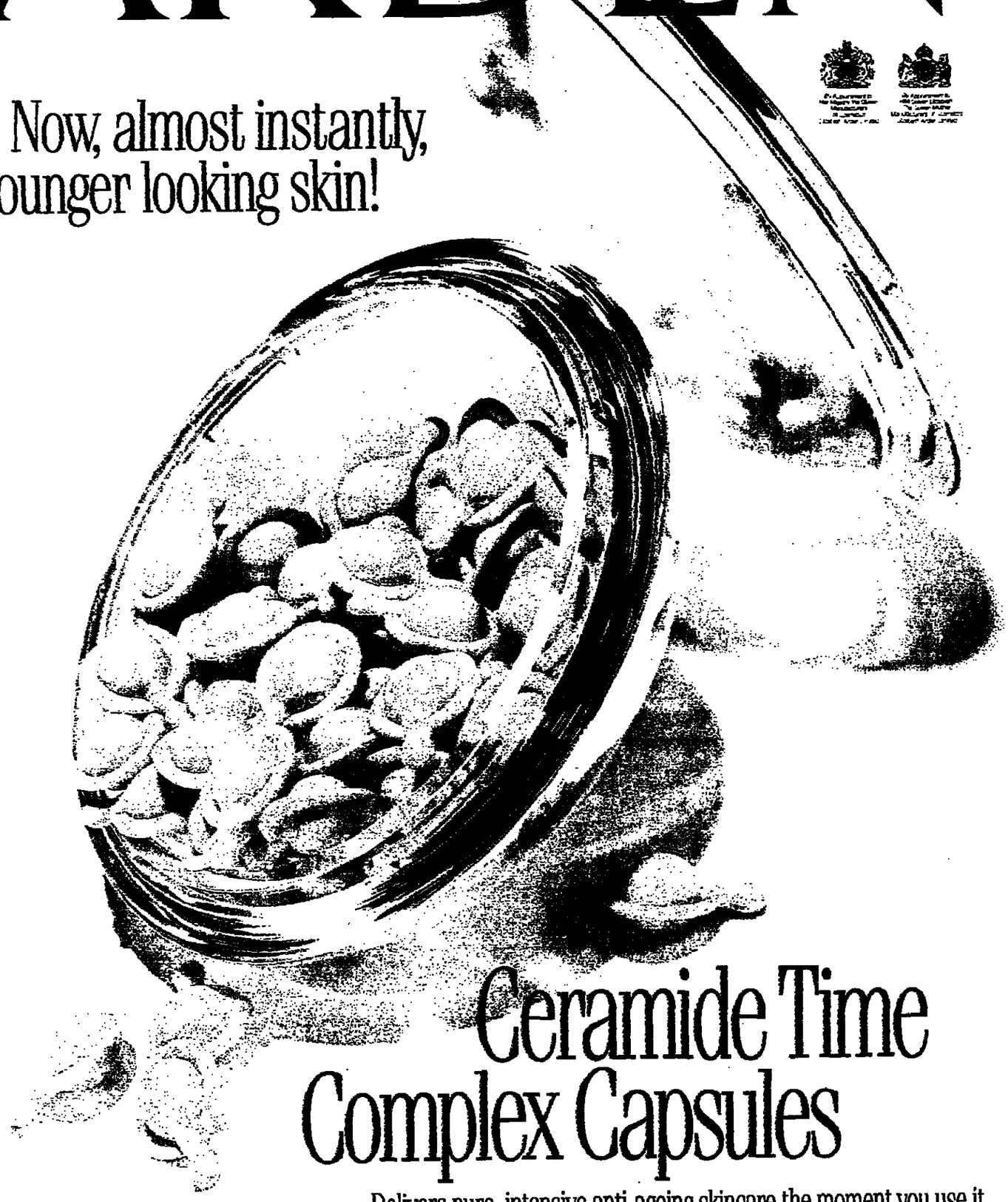
LONDON LOVES (FAKE) FUR

● THE ANTI-FUR lobbyist Peta (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) this month added Claudia Schiffer to the list of models — Nadja Auerman, Kate Moss, Cindy Crawford included — who have joined its year-old "Rather Go Naked Than Wear Fur" campaign. Fake fur, on the other hand, has made a recent comeback with designers using realistic imitations — from leopard to chinchilla — to convey an air of luxury. At the London shows, New Generation duo Lo & Cabon featured stoles, as did Bella Freud and Nicholas Knightly who, like Betty Jackson, used deep piles for short full coats. Some visitors noted this convincing but fake trend and dug out vintage fur scarves ... and missed the point?

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■ First it's useless junk, then a memory — and then buried treasure

The last thing I need is another *memento mori*. Indeed, I have the occasional startled dawn awakening, these days, when a reminder that I am still *vivus* would not come amiss, hang on, is that a ceiling or a *lid*, so I have decided to look on the bright side of last Sunday's discovery and regard it as a signal not of my impermanence, which was my first reaction, but of my perpetuity.

As a matter of fact, last Sunday's discovery has two bright sides, now that I have had a go at it with the vinegar. One side shows the Emperor of India, and the other Britannia — a brace of identities currently so ideologically explosive that it set the gooseflesh crackling to note, once the vinegar had done its deoxydising trick, that the date of their joint minting was only 1944. Strange, how a mere half-century can render the old penny so politically unacceptable that if it happened to fall from your pocket in a roomful of 1995 right-on uniglobers, they would probably tear you limb from limb before you had the chance to shriek that you had just dug it up in your garden and were carrying it ironically.

But that's history for you. Strata. When I first started turning over flower beds, in about 1960, there was little in them but bits of blue-and-white china. I never inquired why this should be, preferring to assume that at some critical point in the late-Victorian vogue for this particular crockery — could have been Krakatoa erupting, could have been a meteorite shower, could have been a rash of Anarchist bombings, could have been a spontaneous nationwide outburst of domestic mayhem brought on by too much booze or too little sex — it all got smashed. And I used to reflect, as I dug, that that was how future archaeologists might be disposed to characterise the 1880s: an era of flying soup tureens and chamber pots, and citizens running through suburban gardens with their hands over their heads.

I don't come across blue-and-white shards any more; no doubt they have all sunk, thanks to the peristaltic nudges of Time's ever-rolling subsoil, to a level below the depth of spades, to await the excited speculations of future Carters and Schliemanns. What I get now is headless tin grenadiers, Zambuk lids, rusted clockwork, old fountain pens, Dinky wheels, two-pin plugs, bent Meccano girders, Boys' Brigade belt-buckles, ribbed brown bottles embossed with the signature of Dr J Collis Browne, cap-gun barrels, flat-trodden kazoos, Bakelite knobs, and, as of last weekend, superannuated coinage — all the pitiful detritus, in short, of my own infancy.

I do not know how the penny got into my border, any more than I knew how the Victorian potsherds used to. Whether, newminted, it was blown there by one of Cricklewood's three doodlebugs, or, outdated, tossed irritably away when decimalisation came in, or merely prey to some lesser cataclysm between, I cannot guess. I know only that it moved, fiscally, from life to death, and thence to history. The d was dead, long live the p.

A friend came over for a drink last Sunday morning, after I had finished gardening, and brought his ten-year-old son with him. The boy, poking about as boys will, spotted the penny descaling in its saucer, and wanted to know things. So I told him that, once upon a time, there had been twelve of them to a shilling. He is a smart kid, but had great difficulty in taking this on board. He thought I was winding him up. When I went on to explain that a pound once contained not only 20 such shillings, but also 960 farthings with little wrens on, he fell about. He is, as I say, smart. He wanted to know how our calculators used to cope. They must have been enormous.

After the pair of them had gone, I looked at the penny and realised that it had not passed into history alone. It had taken me with it. This was my stratum. That was my era. Clockwork, Bakelite, Platignums, and, more resonant yet than all of these, a big copper Emperor of India you could poke into a slot machine which would swap him for a bar of Fruit-and-Nut.

Museum stuff, now. Highly collectible. Much prized. Archaeological stuff, next. Not ephemera at all. Life after death.



Socialism, Tory-style

Whatever the Conservatives say, the public sector goes marching on, never shrinking below its historic level

Simon Jenkins

I advise not a peep from John Major on Labour's Clause Four, not a whisper, not a murmur. If he can draft a better mission statement, fine. If not, keep quiet.

Tony Blair's achievement as he neared the abandonment of Clause Four this week is not synthetic or cosmetic. It is a real political milestone. When as an undergraduate I was persuaded to buy a Labour Party card, the clause on the front seemed all wrong. The image was Winter Palace 1917, not Swinging Sixties Britain. Gaitskell tried to get rid of it, so did Neil Kinnock. When Mr Blair took over, the old hag was still in the attic. Tony Benn and Dennis Skinner went up and fed her plates of gruel. But she would scream over the rooftops and upset the neighbours at elections. She had to go.

She has gone. The replacement is ungrammatical waffle. But Mr Blair understands that waffle can have meaning if it supplants meaning. He has crafted a significant negative statement. The Labour Party is no longer in favour of the common ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange. This may not take us forward, but at least it stops us going back. Mr Blair felt abolition was important, and that made it important. He wanted to do something hard, and something right. He has done both. Let nobody sneer.

The Tories have no obvious response. They have no Clause Four to redraft. The early dictionary definition of Conservatism (in the *Oxford English Dictionary* in 1891) was "a party the characteristic principle of which is the maintenance of institutions political and ecclesiastical". Michael Oakeshott said that Conservatism was about protecting "a diversity of interests and a diffusion of power". Both definitions look sick today.

Mr Major's own mission statement, at the start of the 1992 manifesto, defies redrafting: "We must raise our sights high ... making our country respected and secure, and helping you achieve a better, safer and more prosperous future ... Go forward not back; go for the best, knowing that Britain can be the best and do it best. My belief is clear. Only the best is good enough for Britain." This was surely a nadir of political literacy.

Mr Blair's new formula may be waffle but it is not without nuance. "The enterprise of the market and the rigour of competition joined with the forces of partnership and co-operation to produce the wealth the nation needs" is an appalling mouthful, but these are real factors underpinning a modern political economy. He refers to a public sector in which natural monopolies are "either owned by the public or accountable to them". This is not a party programme, merely a statement of aims and objectives, but it passes muster. The Tories have none.

One reason is that the Conservative Party has yet to define its attitude to the principal day-to-day duty of politics, the custodianship of the public sector. This is curious, since Conservatives have been guardians of the public sector for 16 years. They can no longer pretend they have merely inherited some bastard child of post-war socialism. The baby is now emphatically theirs, yet they convey nothing but distaste for it.

Had Lady Thatcher and John Major abandoned the public sector, or even drastically reduced its size, that might have constituted a sustainable "mission". They said they would do so, but failed. My favourite Treasury statistic is not the size of public spending as such, but the percentage of domestic product taken by government in taxes and other receipts. This is what the tabloids would call the annual "state grab". It was 40 per cent when Edward Heath took office in 1970. It was 40 per cent when he handed over to Harold Wilson in 1974. It was 40 per cent in Margaret Thatcher's first year in 1980. It was 40 per cent when she lost power in 1990. The Treasury red book predicts that in the year 2000 it will still be 40 per cent.

This enforced marriage between government and taxpayer survives every vicissitude — and every government. Yet the Tories are ashamed of it. Margaret Thatcher expended much of her political energy as Prime Minister in waging war on the public sector. What she could not privatise, she abused, chastised and centralised. John Major and Kenneth Clarke have continued this tradition. They have not cut the National Health Service or education or the social services, they have merely conveyed an impression that they would love to do so.

I believe that there has been only one serious political argument in Britain since 1979. It has not been between socialist and Conservative, it has been between the Conservative Governments and the Tory right-wing. The Right demanded the dismantling of the welfare state. If electors wanted a safety-net for the poor, it should be in the form of negative income tax. If the State needed to take money from the public and return it as a social service, it should do so through vouchers. Government should not run schools and hospitals. It should not run unemployment insurance. It should not be in the regional subsidy game.

The Right lost this argument. Margaret Thatcher was sure that the public would not wear it. Yet she hated herself for winning. She did not boast her triumph. There is no surge of confidence in Mr Major's manifesto in the power of government to do good — only a pledge to do less. Britain has a Tory health service, a Tory education service, Tory roads, Tory prisons, Tory houses, Tory social benefits.

I remember gulping in 1980 when Mrs Thatcher took public spending through the £100 billion ceiling (Lord Home in 1964 had got by on £11 billion). I gulped again when, shortly before her fall, it went through £200 billion. This year I assume somebody in the Treasury will break open the champagne as it races past £300 billion. This is almost half the annual income of Britain, seized from the public on the basis of goodness knows what rationale.

Eric Hobsbawm once taunted the Conservatives by pointing out that the only rationale for a welfare state had to be a socialist one. Why else take 40 per cent of people's money, if not to redistribute it in the direction of the poor, the deprived and underprivileged?

If private enterprise could help the poor, as Nye Bevan said, "there will be no argument for socialism and no reason for it". After 16 years in office, the Conservatives are convinced that Bevan was right. Private enterprise cannot do the job. The bulk of the extra public spending since 1979 has gone on welfare benefits which, by definition, are the result of market failure: on unemployment, family and housing support, pensions, disability and health.

The public sector is here to stay. The old Conservative Party, the One-Nation guardian of pluralist institutions, could accept that and take pride in it. The Thatcher/Major party cannot bring itself to do so. The revolution of 1979 was supposed to cut the public sector down to size. The *ancien regime* was meant to go. Yet it did not go. There was a Great Terror, but somehow the old system held together.

Mr Blair has been accused of stealing the Tories' clothes. But there never were any other clothes. All he has done this week is throw out some old rags. His new party constitution is the one dress that is remotely suitable for a European party in the 1990s: partnership between public and private sectors on the basis of a notional "social market" contract.

What Mr Blair has done is show how far the Conservatives have stolen Labour's clothes over the past three decades. The Thatcherites may have tried, in Engels' phrase, to "drown the richness of human motivation in the icy waters of egotistical calculation". But they did not try very hard. They inherited 40 per cent, and they will leave 40 per cent behind them.

I believe that this 40 per cent is in fitter shape than it ever was before. Competitive tendering, franchising and the value-for-money audit have made British public administration the most cost-effective in Europe. It has been ruthlessly centralised in the interests of Treasury control.

Shorn of Oakeshott's institutional diversity and checks and balances, it is an extraordinary welfare machine. If the Tories leave office, they will bequeath Labour a public sector of which any socialist government since the war would have been proud: a tool of social engineering without precedent.

Small wonder, then, that Mr Blair is happy to acknowledge the fact. Is Mr Major happy too? It is his public sector. Perhaps he might write a mission statement after all.

When sex ceases to be private

Dr John Habgood on the harm of sexual witch-hunts

One key insight in the House of Bishops' study *Issues in Human Sexuality* reads: "The greater the degree of personal intimacy, the greater should be the degree of personal commitment." The rationale lies in the nature of intimacy itself. To be intimate is to expose one's inwardness. It is a form of exposure which renders the person making it vulnerable, and it therefore requires trust. Intimacy without vulnerability is spurious. Vulnerability without trust is potentially self-destructive. Trust without commitment is only half-formed and transient.

If these entailments are accepted, it should be possible to develop a sexual ethic that safeguards central Christian beliefs about personal relationships, while also appealing to common sense.

Intimate relationships do not have to be sexual. The widespread assumption that they do is a measure of society's current obsession with sex, an obsession which impoverishes relationships by riding roughshod over all gradations and subtleties. The passage from conversational intimacy to the beginnings of physical intimacy, for instance, may be lengthy and may stop at any point. There need to be markers to signify the stages in a developing relationship as part of a growing sense of trust. To telescope them all into one, to rush into sexual encounters, is to depersonalise sex. It reveals a lack of respect in the treatment of another person as a mere sexual object. It severs the connection between intimacy and commitment by dispensing with commitment altogether and reducing intimacy to gratification.

Kissing, to take a fairly trivial example, has for many people been demoted to a form of initial greeting, even among strangers. This may seem delightfully friendly, but if it is more than a formal peck it can start eroding the deeper meaning of a first tentative kiss meant in earnest. Modesty may seem a very old-fashioned virtue among those who describe themselves as "liberated" from convention. Paradoxically, though, the lack of it can diminish social freedom by forcing awareness of sexuality before any other kind of intimacy has had time to grow. The common presumption that all physical intimacy must lead to penetrative sex is unjust to those who want to enjoy some warmth of companionship, but wish to draw a line.

To hope for the establishment of some more subtle codes of behaviour in such matters may seem forlorn in face of the huge contrary pressures. But it is urgently necessary if we are to escape from our present confusions, often caricatured as a choice between unbending moralism and sex on demand. The concept of intimacy is a good starting point, because it can focus the spiritual, psychological, social and physical elements in personal relationships, and discourage their separation.

Many of the issues that bedevil sensible discussion of sexual morality in our culture arise as a result of precisely such separations. It is not for nothing that Christians constantly stress the connection between wholeness and holiness. To be a mature, integrated and morally whole person is to have body, mind and spirit working together. Intimate relationships touch what we are in our deepest selves. Their inwardness signals their essentially private nature. Violations of privacy, particularly by and through the media, can not only hurt individuals, but can create an atmosphere in which intimacy becomes harder, because it is of the nature of such violations to ignore the nuances and to sharpen the polarisation of moralism and licence.

A mature understanding of varying, appropriate degrees of intimacy can be as helpful in setting homosexual guidelines as for heterosexual ones. Life without markers, far from liberating people, reduces the social space in which they feel free to make mutually understood decisions. But if there is general recognition of such markers, lesser degrees of intimacy can flourish at a level of commitment which is genuinely wanted, rather than be precipitately forced.

The author is Archbishop of York.

Tongue twister

JOHN REDWOOD has whipped the Welsh into a fury after refusing to sign a foreword to his department's annual report because it was written in their native tongue. The Welsh Secretary happily signed the English version of his foreword, but refused when it came to the translation, on the ground that he cannot understand it.

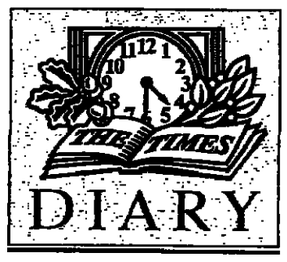
His explanation on Friday, when the report came out, did little to appease Welsh-speakers in the Principality. "My fear is that if I signed a Welsh letter which had a spelling error or a typographical error, or a more serious error which somebody didn't spot, then it's my name on the bottom," he said. "And that, in the wrong hands, could cause mischief."

Redwood has, indeed, been consistent. Since becoming Welsh Secretary, he has refused to sign anything in Welsh.

Labour's spokesman for Welsh affairs, Win Griffiths, says he should bestow more trust on the translators he employs: "I think he must have a phobia about the Welsh language. Since he wrote the foreward himself and it was translated into Welsh by his own department, he cannot claim he did not know what he was signing. It is totally bizarre." Sensibly, Griffiths has dashed off a stiff note to the Welsh Office and the Welsh Language Board, suggesting Welsh lessons at Westminster.

● *Ned Sherrin was delighted at the Foyles' luncheon flier for his book, The Oxford Dictionary of Humorous Quotations. "I was very pleased to see how large and clear my name is. I have been suffering an identity crisis recently having been mistaken for Clive James, Desmond Wilcox, Alan Coren and Patrick Moore. Someone even called me Ned Sheridan Morley."*





Pier pressure

THE SPIRITUAL benefits of a weekend in Brighton were outlined enthusiastically by some of those at a London party yesterday to launch the town's May festival. George Melly, who will be taking part in a discussion about homosexuality in public schools, was reminiscing about past liaisons in the resort.

"Brighton has a louche quality. I didn't have dirty weekends exactly, but I have enjoyed amorous dalliances there," he said wistfully. "It is the place for them, so charming and such a lot to do."

Tough nut

BEFORE Scotland's right wing Craig Joiner faces the English at Twickenham on Saturday he has to tackle economics, maths and chemical engineering. The Calcutta Cup showdown comes at the end of a week of exams for the 20-year-old, a second-year student at Heriot Watt University. "It's important to have a healthy mind and healthy body, but I could have done without this," he admits.

Just daffy

THE CLERGYMAN who hit the headlines after eating daffodils on Mothering Sunday last year is casting around for another flower to chew. The Rev Ian Gooding of Risley and Stanton by Dale in Derby ate daffs with his parishioners last year after reading how Dutch mothers fed their children on tulip-bulb soup during the war.

"I thought it appropriate to use flowers to illustrate caring for the family," he explained. Unfortunately, the daffodils made him and many of his congregation ill. "It went rather wrong," he admits. "But I would like to do something similar this year so I am weighing up the available blooms."

Sparks fly

CONTRARY to what one might expect, the arrest of the moustachioed



Do not try this at home

Southampton goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar caused few ripples at Sanderson Electronics plc — which yesterday signed a seven-figure, four-year sponsorship deal with the football club.

"Absolutely delighted. It's good for us," says marketing manager Sean Hampsey. "Southampton is on everyone's lips at the moment. We couldn't have timed it better."

● *At least one Irish priest is counting the cost of Cheltenham, even though he prayed yesterday on Radio 4's Today programme for Ireland's leading hope, Danoli, trained at Tom Foley's establishment in Co Carlow. Father Edward Dowling had £10 on to win. Divine intervention brought the horse in third.*

Begin at home

THE DUCHESS OF BEAUFORT received an honorary Doctorate of Laws for her charity work on Monday. Bristol University broke with tradition, presenting the degree not at the university but in the front room at Badminton House.

"It is the first time that we have awarded a degree in a private home," says Sir John Kingman, the Vice-Chancellor. "It was a very unusual ceremony for a very unusual lady." Unusual the 66-year-old duchess certainly is. At the latest tally she was fundraising for 76 charities: an inveterate traveller, she boasts of "bathing in piranha-infested waters" and, despite frail health, still wants to go white-water rafting.



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THE HIGH GROUND

From better goalkeeping to better governing

The arrest of the Premier League goalkeepers Bruce Grobbelaar and Hans Segers yesterday morning would have been shocking had it not been preceded by a string of similar events. On Monday, Dennis Wise of Chelsea was bailed after being sentenced to three months in prison for a vicious attack on a taxi driver. Last month, Eric Cantona of Manchester United was charged for assaulting a fan and George Graham, the Arsenal manager, was sacked after an investigation into financial irregularities.

The traditional boast that British football is morally upright in comparison with the game on the Continent can not now be made. Nor can English cricket claim its historic high ground: when the England captain, Michael Atherton, was accused of cheating last year, another totem fell for many fans. The nation's best sportsmen can still be relied upon to reach new heights of athletic excellence; but they cannot be depended upon to provide moral exemplars to the young who so sorely lack them.

The sense that fair play and gentlemanly conduct are in decline is not confined to the sporting world. After the fall of Barings, all the great names of the City are less great. Political corruption and financial scandals come from places much closer to home than Milan or Miami. So great has anxiety grown about sleaze that the Government has appointed an "ethical workshop" under Lord Nolan. In all walks of British life, it is no longer assumed that most people will behave decently most of the time.

Why should this be so? To single out "the decline of the family" or "the decline or organised religion" is simplistic. Civility has many roots and grows in many soils. What has indisputably declined is the sense that our actions should be constrained by codes of behaviour other than the law. In religious terms, we have kept the concept of crime but dispensed with the concept of sin. In sociological terms, we have preserved the criminal justice system but lost sight of the social values that underpin it. In his farsighted book, *After Virtue*, the philosopher Alasdair MacIntyre gave warning that this breakdown of moral language marked "the new dark ages which are already upon us". Many will think this grim forecast to be more than ever apposite. For others, such as Amitai Etzioni, the American communitarian thinker who delivered Monday's *Times*/Demos lecture, there are still ways out of our troubles. He argues, for example, that we have forgotten the art of the minor reproach to the child, errant neighbour or anti-social teenager on the streets. He asks if our moral reticence reflects only a legitimate fear of retaliation or a reluctance to make judgments.

"Judgmental" has in too many circumstances become a pejorative word, today. But there is hope too in our current reaction to the scandals that are around us. There is no lack of judgment upon the errants of the football world this morning. Implicit in the shock that people feel when a football player attacks a fan or a politician takes a bribe is the collective will to stop such things from happening again. The Nolan committee would not exist if the electorate did not care deeply about the morality of public life. George Graham would still be Arsenal's manager if the moral respectability of senior figures in sport did not mean so much to the majority of fans.

Matters would not seem so bad if we did not believe that they can still get better. Dr Etzioni has pointed out the extraordinary capacity of human beings to build structures enforcing community and mutual responsibility. In his new book, the Chief Rabbi argues for "the principled rejection of despair" and against the claim that our damaged codes of decency are irreparable. Moral awakening is painful. It is a shock to confront the frailty of those who lead us and the incivility of those who live among us. But the moral high ground need not be for ever abandoned. Nor will it be.

WELCOME TO MUMBAI

India's Hindu nationalists need not scare the money-makers

Alarm bells have rung noisily in India since yesterday. The right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which campaigns on a platform of Hindu nationalism, has won power in Gujarat and Maharashtra — two of the country's most prosperous and industrialised states. In the latter, it has formed a government with the Shiv Sena, a militant Hindu party which quarries for votes in the memory of Shivaji, a 17th-century Maratha leader. The state's government has quickly found a populist reply. Bombay, the capital, will now be called Mumbai: the dowager will at last be dressed in Indian garb.

Fears have been expressed already for the rights and security of Bombay's Muslim citizens. Religious violence has been a disconcerting fact of life in recent years in Bombay and in neighbouring Gujarat — and Muslims have invariably suffered a higher toll in the bloodshed than have the region's Hindus. The BJP cannot rightly be blamed for all of this: its leaders have been more moderate in their political message than their liberal detractors are prepared to concede. Yet the Shiv Sena, now the BJP's ally, has always been at the forefront of Bombay's communal unrest.

The Congress party of the Prime Minister Narasimha Rao would do well to put to national use its experience of regional electoral defeat. If it is tempting to account the election results as a victory for Hindu nationalism, it is equally tempting to treat them as a defeat for an incompetent and venal local Congress administration. Mr Rao's political management has been poor, and no more so than in his perceived unwillingness to sweep away corruption.

Mr Rao is beset, also, with internal party problems. He faces a challenge from the powerful and obstreperous Left from within the Congress, led by the disagreeable Arjun Singh. This group, which has scorned consistently the economic liberalisation launched by Mr Rao's Government, harks back wistfully to a mythical Golden Age of state control and Soviet-style five-year plans. A danger has now arisen that Mr Rao will dilute his Government's commitment to fiscal discipline in an attempt to placate dissidents within his party — as well as to win wider support from the electorate.

The defeat in both states of the ruling Congress party was far from unexpected: markets in India, and investors abroad, will have prepared themselves mentally for a change of administration. At first sight, however, investors would appear to have little to fear. The BJP has always declared its commitment to a free market, as well as its hostility to *dirigiste* state control.

The BJP's commitment to India's secular constitution, however, is far from clear. Although there have been encouraging changes in semantic nuance in recent statements by its leadership in Delhi — that "Hindu nationalism need not be inimical to India's constitution", for example — the party still has much to prove in this regard. A Hindu nationalist administration cannot afford to forget how difficult wealth creation would be in a society which lacked stability.

If the new state governments were to confine themselves to innocuous exercises in pride — such as the renaming of Bombay, the rumbustious celebration of Hindu religious festivals, and the erection of new statues — there would be little cause for concern. But if their administration acquires a character that is belligerent towards religious minorities, the situation would be graver by far. It does not matter if Bombay becomes Mumbai, as long as the city remains a civilised place where money can be made.

LONDON FASHION SENSE

A week for fun, profit and the older model



As international buyers and editors fly home from London Fashion Week, they will be mulling memories not of standing outside tents in the drizzle waiting to see impossible clothes, but of efficient shows packed with imaginative designers. Events this week have proved that London is no joke in the fashion world. Far more foreign buyers have come than ever before, thanks partly to the promotional efforts and energies of the British Fashion Council but also to the quality of the clothes themselves.

London will never rival Paris for *chic* or Milan for *eleganza*. Its home industry is too small: any glance down a city street here shows how dowdily dressed are the British compared with their French or Italian counterparts. Britons cannot be persuaded en masse to spend large sums of money on their appearance. If they do buy expensive clothes, these are more likely to be classics, designed to last many years than outfits which are *le dernier cri*. This may be a hangover from the Protestant ethic. Or it may be a reflection of the way in which we express our personalities. British spending power tends to be channelled into homes and holidays rather than *haute couture*. So native designers have to sell their wares overseas instead.

Some of the established ones prefer to show their clothes in Paris than in London. Others leave Britain's world-renowned fashion colleges to work for international designers abroad. As with much of this country's industry, British people come up with ideas which are then turned into production by foreign companies.

This week there were the usual outrageous clothes designed mainly to catch the eye of picture editors in newspapers and TV. Few women want to bare their buttocks in public, even if they have seen it done on the catwalks. But there were proper clothes too, designed to be worn by working women, and, for once, modelled by adults.To see Jerry Hall, a 38-year-old mother of three, sashaying sensationally down the catwalk in an Edina Ronay evening gown was one of the delights of the week.

If anyone can afford designer clothes, after all, it is women in their 30s and 40s. They are much more likely to be enticed by someone of their own age looking terrific than by an 18-year-old waif who still seems prepubescent. The fashion industry has learnt some lessons from the disasters of "grunge", which depressed almost every female, however fashion-conscious, over the age of 21. British women will be more loyal to fashion if fashion is more accommodating to British women.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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OutRage! and the 'outing' of Church homosexuals

From Mr Paul Barnes

Sir, The behaviour of OutRage! towards the Bishop of London (reports and leading article, March 14) deserves condemnation both as a matter of principle and for real practical reasons.

Many of us who work for gay equality have as a guiding premise the principle that an individual's personal life is their own. No one — not any individual, not the media, nor the State — has the right to pry into a person's private life. Compromising that principle, as outing does, makes us as bad as the bigots who use our sexuality to attack us.

But more damaging is the practical effect of this outing. Progress can only be made as society becomes more tolerant and gay people become more confident. This is increasingly happening and homophobia, although still prevalent, is being abated.

This action has reduced tolerance and undermined confidence for very little gain. This high-profile action has been widely condemned in the media. It has portrayed gay people to be militants, undeserving of support. Although this is totally unrepresentative of the vast majority of gay people, we have all been slurred by this action. Like any militant group, OutRage! may revel in this bad press. But for most homosexuals it will lead to real practical difficulties.

Just as importantly, it has reduced the confidence of those productively working for gay equality. Supportive Members of Parliament, for example, are starting to distance themselves from any campaigns. Many are concerned about being accused by association. They feel it safer not to get involved through concern that OutRage! may turn unfounded attention on them. After this incident, who can blame them?

Yours etc,
PAUL BARNES
(Chairman, Torche (Tory Campaign for Homosexual Equality)),
36a Mildmay Grove, N1.
March 14.

From Mr Nicholas Beale

Sir, Mr Peter Tatchell's letter to the Bishop of London speaks of a man suffering from "charges which were almost certainly trumped up by local gangsters who were blackmailing him".

I accept that no legal offence has been committed by Mr Tatchell in his letter, but, at a moral level, pots and kettles irresistibly spring to mind.

Yours sincerely,
N. C. L. BEALE,
3 Berkeley Square, W1.
March 14.

From the Reverend John Draper

Sir, The Bishop of London will be admired for his courage and dignity.

I hope that the next set of people to be "outed" are the trust officials at Lambeth Palace and Church House who, according to OutRage!, are supplying confidential information relating to individuals.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN DRAPER,
Saint Francis House,
Riders Lane,
Leigh Park, Havant, Hampshire.
March 14.

From Mr Robert Sandall

Sir, I absolutely agree with the comment in your leading article that a person's sexuality is no business of anyone's but their own.

This group of people who are purporting to know and instruct us on the best way to lead our lives are indeed an outrage.

Therefore it is time to call upon this group — the Church — to abandon the deceit and hypocrisy that has afflicted them for so long.

This would have the effect of consigning OutRage! to the dustbin, where it belongs.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT SANDALL,
The Coach House,
99 Hazelbourne Road, SW12.
March 14.

From Dr Harvey Wood

Sir, The treatment of senior Church of England priests who announce that their sexuality is "ambiguous", or that they are homosexual, is in stark contrast to that meted out to the Reverend Kit Chalcraft of the Norfolk diocese.

The fact that this parish priest was relieved of his living for being blatantly heterosexual seems to me to be totally unfair, while the senior clerics who have "outed" themselves are being praised for their honesty and bravery.

It does not matter if a priest is gay, undecided or heterosexual. The Church of England is losing people who are able to bear witness to the Christian message.

It must stop this introspection and get back to the vital issues of the day: poverty, cruelty and environmental degradation.

Sincerely,
HARVEY WOOD,
The Wharf, Trent Lane,
Collingham,
Newark, Nottinghamshire.
March 14.

From the Reverend Dom Antony Sutch

Sir, Janet Daley (article, March 9) fails to recognise that Cardinal Hume's "pronouncement on homosexuality" has gone further than ever before in allowing the individual Christian homosexual to accept his or her own sexuality.

It has fully alleviated the guilt that "love for one of one's own sex" is in some way sinful.

Let us recall that love does not of necessity involve sexual activity, which the Catholic Church continues to regard as wrong outside marriage, so that celibates of any type should not be open to censure.

Faithfully,
ANTONY SUTCH,
Downside Abbey,
Stratton-on-the-Fosse,
Bath, Avon.
March 14.

Prospects for students in legal practice training

From Mr Roger K. Jones

Sir, The Law Society shares Mr Barry Shaw's concern (letter, March 9) for students who complete the legal practice course (LPC) but are unable to find a training contract in a solicitor's office, and next autumn we will examine the feasibility of a moratorium on increasing the number of LPC places. Even if this proves feasible, however, we cannot break our obligations to existing LPC providers who have invested heavily in setting up good-quality courses.

Mr Shaw's charge that the society is relying on market forces to control the number of LPC places is unfair. We expect institutions to take an utterly realistic view of the position in the light of any exceptional circumstances and to be honest with potential LPC students as to their prospects.

It is wrong to be too pessimistic, however. Many students unable to obtain a training contract for the time being have been able to get work in solicitors' offices, and we have just secured the approval of the Lord Chancellor for a change in training regulations which will increase our discretion to allow such experience to count towards the training contract.

We are also working with the College of Law and careers advisers to promote a greater interest amongst recruiters outside the legal profession in students who have passed the LPC.

Yours truly,
ROGER JONES
(Chairman, Training Committee, The Law Society),
Ipsley Court,
Redditch, Worcestershire.
March 10.

From Mr R. G. Holbrook

Sir, No one suggests limiting places at drama school only to those with Equity cards, or places on teacher-training courses to those who have already obtained teaching posts. Yet Mr Shaw suggests limiting the number of places on the legal practice course to those who have already obtained training contracts with solicitors' firms. If this happened, the profession would be seriously impoverished.

Law students from traditional universities, and those from white and middle-class backgrounds, find it much easier to get training contracts than other students and therefore many deserving and some outstanding candidates would be denied access to the profession. However sophisticated the selection techniques developed by law firms — and few have the resources to go much beyond the traditional interview — this bias is likely to persist.

Some students who may have shone academically do not excel when faced with the demands of a course which tests their practical skills. The College of Law, which is the country's largest provider of the legal practice course, fails between a tenth and a fifth of its students every year. If Mr Shaw's suggestion were implemented, the training institutions would become virtual rubber-stamps, passing all comers. The legal profession would not be protected from entrants who have been found by professional trainers to be practically incompetent.

Rather than selecting before the final year of initial training, law firms would be wiser to select candidates on the basis of their performance at the end of the practical course, giving preference to those who are awarded distinctions and commendations.

Yours faithfully,
R. G. HOLBROOK
(Chairman, Board of Management),
The College of Law,
Braboeuf Manor,
St Catherines, Guildford, Surrey.
March 10.

From Mrs Mary Severin

Sir, Mr Shaw omits to mention that without a two-year training contract, usually at a firm of solicitors, a trainee solicitor cannot qualify as a solicitor. When I first embarked on a law degree at Reading University four years ago we were led to believe that, although the situation was difficult for trainees, provided we obtained good academic qualifications we could expect to obtain a trainee position.

Now, in the middle of the final part of that academic training at a legal practice course at Oxford, with fees at £5,000, I find myself fighting with a steady 500 other trainees for each vacancy. I am now in my sixth year of full-time study; many have studied for longer.

The Law Society has no power to create trainee positions and it does very little indeed to help trainees find positions. Despite this, it creates courses for more trainees — who are, incidentally, poorly trained for any other profession. Where is the logic in this?

Yours sincerely,
MARY SEVERIN,
Riverside,
Reading Road, Cholsey, Oxfordshire.

Broadcasting talent

From Mr David Edwards

Sir, The Controller of BBC Radio 1 (letter, March 10) justifies his latest attempt to halt the ratings slide by saying Chris Evans is "one of the most sought-after talents in UK broadcasting". Sought after by whom? The February 13-19 figures show Evans's Channel 4 programme, *Don't Forget Your Toothbrush*, bottom of *The Times* TV Top 20's BBC2/C4 list with 3.1 million viewers (Media and Marketing, March 8).

Yours faithfully,
D. EDWARDS,
16 Rannoch Court,
Adelaide Road, Surbiton, Surrey.

Deaths in Karachi

From the High Commissioner for Pakistan

Sir, The Government and the people of Pakistan deplore the present unrest in Karachi, which has led to the deaths of a number of people (leading article, March 9).

Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister, immediately condemned the killings of the two American consular officials (report, March 9). Every effort will be made to apprehend the perpetrators of this crime. To this end, we shall be working closely with the United States.

Lest there be any doubt about our determination to root out terrorism, may I point to the case of Ramzi Ahmed Yusuf, whom we tracked down, arrested and handed over to US authorities to face trial in connection with the bombing in 1993 of the World Trade Centre in New York.

The Prime Minister is a modern Muslim leader, pledged to democracy and determined to eradicate violence and extremism. She needs the support and understanding of the international community in order to enable her to tackle successfully the enormous problems faced by Pakistan.

Yours sincerely,
WAJID SHAMSUL HASAN,
Pakistan High Commission,
35 Lowndes Square, SW1.
March 10.

Rate for the job

From Colonel C. R. W. Norman (retd)

Sir, One is always hearing about the rate for the job [letters, March 9].

It is my belief that in all these mammoth industries there would be found at least half a dozen young, eager and competent men or women willing and able to do the top job at half the salary.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
RICHARD NORMAN,
Milton Mill,
Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

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Homeless in London

From Ms Sarah Gorton

Sir, John Gummer's rebuttal (letter, March 10) of the charges of social injustice made by the Provost of Southwark Cathedral fails to convince.

The Government's strategy for dealing with homelessness in London is complicated: one initiative for people sleeping rough, with an added element for the harshest winter months, another for the homeless mentally ill, all for different time periods.

The rough sleepers initiative extolled by Mr Gummer is due to end in 1996; and the promise made under the homeless mentally ill initiative, extended in 1992, to deliver 750 units of permanent supported accommodation has been broken. As a result, 60 per cent of those contacted for that initiative have remained homeless, and there is a puzzling silence over the final report evaluating the initiative.

Perhaps the Government does not like to hear the obvious: that homelessness initiatives require permanent housing. Until we have a coordinated strategy on housing and community care, including local authorities and voluntary agencies and not just confined to central London, people will continue to turn up at the cathedral with nowhere else to go.

Yours sincerely,
SARAH GORTON,
Joint Council on Mental Health and Homelessness,
15-19 Broadway, Stratford, E15.

Fishing dispute with Canada

From Mr Eric Clements

Sir, Congratulations on the calm and sensible comments in your leading article, "Principles at sea" (March 14), on the arrest of a Spanish fishing vessel by the Royal Canadian Navy. There certainly is a huge gap in worldwide conservation. Perhaps the next advance in the Law of the Sea will be establishing the right of warships of all nations to inspect fishing vessels in international waters for gear which violates internationally agreed standards.

Spain and Portugal are among the very few countries in Europe in which there exists an obscene delight in eating immature fish, which fetches a high price, and it is therefore chiefly their fishermen who need fear such a step. Iceland acted unilaterally in establishing a 200-mile exclusive fishing zone, and was followed shortly by the rest of the world. It would seem that the Canadians are similarly setting an example.

Since it is inconceivable, except to Euro-maniacs, that the Royal Navy should confront its war-time and Commonwealth comrades, the sooner the Foreign Office recognises that it exists to serve the interests of the British people rather than, as Austin Mitchell, MP, has commented, the interests of foreigners, the better.

Yours etc,
ERIC CLEMENTS,
60 Harrington Street,
Cleethorpes, Humberside.

From Mr John F. H. Ashworth

Sir, Canada has made every attempt to resolve the fisheries problem off the Grand Banks by diplomatic means, but the action of the EU and EU fishing vessels, flouting sensible conservation measures, has resulted in confrontation.

The EU has a history of destroying fishing grounds around the world. Now the Canadians have made a stand. Well done, Canada.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN ASHWORTH
(Spokesman, Save Britain's Fish Campaign),
Kirby Mills Industrial Estate,
Kirkbymoorside, North Yorkshire.

From Mr W. S. Affleck

Sir, That we should find ourselves, perforce, siding with Spain against Canada in a fishing dispute raises a much more substantial question about our EU membership than any amount of premature speculation on a single currency.

Yours sincerely,
W. S. AFFLECK,
Barley Hill, Watledge,
Nailsworth, Stroud, Gloucestershire.

What the blazers!

From Mr H. M. Stewart

Sir, What confusion Mr Nicholas Boys-Smith has caused (Diary, February 21; letters, February 24, March 1 and 10), no doubt unwittingly. This may, or may not, be the centenary of the "boating coat", if by that is meant a double-breasted navy-blue jacket with brass buttons; but the "blazer" proper is considerably older, dating certainly from 1852 and quite possibly from 1825 when the Lady Margaret Boat Club of St John's College, Cambridge, was founded.

The first issue of *The Cambridge University Almanack and Register* gives, for the May Races of 1852, the uniform of Lady Margaret Boat Club alone as "a red guernsey or 'blazer' ". The red colour gives the origin of the word and the inverted commas show that it was still slang. It took another 20 years for the inverted commas to be dropped and the term to be adopted by other college boat clubs.

In 1956 I investigated, with great assistance from Commander W. E. May, RN, Deputy Director of the National Maritime Museum, the theory, quoted by Mr Guy Thompson in his March 10 letter, linking the blazer to the Royal Navy. Its origin appears to be one of a number of unsigned memoirs published in the *Army and Navy Gazette* in 1890 which said: "In the *Blazer* in 1845 the ship's company wore blue-and-white striped guernseys, with jacket on Sundays."

But there was nothing special about this uniform compared with other ships in the Royal Navy, while no claim to the term "blazer" was made. And in 1852 First Trinity Boat Club at Cambridge wore a "blue and white striped under-jersey" which was not called a blazer, although the term was known.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
your obedient servant,
H. M. STEWART,
Maresfield, Beech Waye,
Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Official welcome

From the Reverend Canon George Tolley

Sir, Which country will be courageous and sensible enough to abolish the militaristic symbolism of requiring a visiting head of state, as a first priority, to review a guard of honour? And what, I wonder, could be put in the place of this meaningless, and yet powerfully symbolic, charade?

Yours faithfully,
G. TOLLEY,
74 Furniss Avenue,
Dore, Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 14: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

Captain Prabin Gurung and Captain Balkrishna Gurung, the Royal Gurkha Rifles, were received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested them with the Insignia of Members of the Royal Victorian Order.

Mr Michael Peart was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Fiji.

Mrs Peart was also received by her Majesty.

The President of the Republic of the Philippines and Mrs Ramos visited The Queen and remained to Luncheon.

The Prince Edward was present.

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Lady Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to Her Majesty.

March 14: The Princess Royal, President, the Rural Housing Trust, this afternoon attended a Rural Housing Association Committee Meeting at Hobart House, 40 Grosvenor Place, London SW1.

Mrs Malcolm Innes was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, later attended a meeting of the Birthday Appeal Group at Buckingham Palace.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 14: The Prince of Wales this morning opened the new antibiotic sterile injection production facility at Glaxo Egypt.

His Royal Highness later visited a number of archaeological sites in Luxor.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited the Brooke Animal Hospital in Luxor.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as President of the Rural Housing Trust, will open the rural housing scheme at Clipston, Northamptonshire, at 10.05; as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Fantasie of England, Rothwell Road, Desborough, Kettering, at 11.00; as Patron of SENSE, the National Deaf-blind and Rubella Association, will visit the SENSE shop at 75 Gold Street at 12.10; and as President of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will open Kettering Carers Centre, 1 Meadow Road, at 12.45.

The Duchess of Gloucester will attend the 25th anniversary concert of the English-Speaking Union at Goldsmiths' Hall at 7.15.

The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit Meltog, Gelderd Road, Birstall, at 11.30; will visit S. Lyles Sons and Company, Jilling Ing Mills, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury, at 12.45; and will visit Spencer and Halstead at Bridge Works, Wakefield Road, Ossett, West Yorkshire, at 2.30.

Lectures

Chartered Institute of Transport
Sir Christopher Foster delivered the 50th Henry Spurrier lecture to the Chartered Institute of Transport in the UK last night at the Royal Society of Arts. Mr Christopher Chataway presided.

Dubai Society
Mr Ronald Codrai delivered a lecture to members and guests of the Dubai Society last night at the Hyatt Carlton Tower hotel.

Luncheon

HM Government
Mr Tim Eggar, Minister for Industry and Energy, was the host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Lancaster House in honour of Mr Costas Simitis, Greek Minister for Industry, Energy and Commerce.

Royal Navy

Senior appointments
Rear Admiral J.H. Dunt to be Deputy Chief of Defence Staff (Systems), in the rank of Vice Admiral, in March 1995, in succession to Vice Admiral M.G. Rutherford.

Commodore P. Spencer Royal Navy to be Director General Fleet Support (Operations and Plans), in the rank of Rear Admiral, in March 1995, in succession to Rear Admiral J.H. Dunt.

Meeting

Atlantic Council
Mr Neville Trotter, MP, was the speaker at an Atlantic Forum briefing held by the Atlantic Council last night at the House of Commons. Mr Alan Lee Williams was in the chair.

Dinners

Corporation of London
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress received the guests at a dinner given by the Corporation of London last night at Guildhall in honour of the Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. Among those present were:

The President of the Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly, the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, the Leader of the UK Delegation and Lady Finsberg, the Clerk of the Assembly, the Earl of Dundee, Lord Grenfell, Lord and Lady Newall, Lord and Lady Mackie of Benshie, Lord and Lady Kirkhill, Baroness Hooper, Baroness Gould of Potternewton, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster, Members of Parliament, the Sheriffs, Aldermen, Common Councilmen and Officers of the Corporation of London and their ladies.

Royal Society for Asian Affairs
Lord Greenhill of Harrow presided at the annual dinner of the Royal Society of Asian Affairs held last night at the Savoy Hotel. The Ambassador of China, Sir Paul Newall and Sir Donald Hawley also spoke.

During dinner Lord Greenhill presented the Sir Percy Sykes Memorial Medal to Professor Akbar S. Ahmed and the Lawrence of Arabia Memorial Medal to Mr George B. Popov.

Pipeline Industries Guild
Sir Gordon Jones, Chairman of Yorkshire Water, and Mr Peter Moloney were the guests of honour at the annual dinner of the Pipeline Industries Guild held last night at Grosvenor House. Baroness Platt of Writtle presided. Mr P.J. Riley also spoke.

Horticulture

Bell-like flowers ring the changes

BY ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE biggest display of pieris ever seen at a flower show should help to satisfy those who say that exhibits at the Royal Horticultural Society's Westminster shows are the same year after year.

The Crown Estate Commissioners have staged 80 species and cultivars of pieris from the National Collection grown in the Savill and Valley Gardens, Windsor Great Park, for which they have been awarded a gold medal. Many are cultivars of *Pieris japonica*. Not so many years ago these evergreen spring-flowering woodland shrubs, with trusses of small bell-shaped flowers, came in only one colour — white. But now they are available in pink such as the *japonica* cultivars "Blush", "Pink Delight" and "Flamingo", and red as in *P.j.* "Valley Valentine". Some good whites on show include the arching *P.j.* "Weeping Bride", and "Firecrest" with colourful new spring foliage. Variegated foliage is another comparatively recent departure, and good cultivars include *P.j.* "Little Heath", "Flaming Silver" and *P.j.* "Variegata".

Burncoose Nurseries, of Redruth, Cornwall, have staged a huge display of shrubs and other hardy plants. Some choice and unusual shrubs include *Edgworthia chrysantha* with strongly fragrant white and yellow flowers, a new viburnum named "Eskimo" with heads of fragrant white flowers, and the rarely seen dwarf *Rhododendron valentinianum* with light yellow flowers. The exhibit has been awarded a gold medal.

Other gold medallists are Broadleigh Gardens, of Bishops Hull, Somerset (miniature daffodils); McBean's Orchids, of Cooksbridge, Sussex (orchids); and Potterton and Martin, of Nettleton, Lincolnshire (alpines and dwarf bulbs).

A selection of ericas from the National Collection of Heathers grown at the RHS Garden, Wisley, ranges from cultivars with attractive foliage, such as the gold-leaved *Erica lusitanica* "George Hunt" and *E. x veitchii* "Gold Tips", to those grown for their flower display, including the dark red *E. carnea* cultivars "Porter's Red" and "Myretoun Ruby", and *E. erigena* "Irish Dusk" whose flowers are an unusual shade of salmon pink.

Pleiones are being shown by Butterfield's Nursery, of Bourne End, Buckinghamshire, who are hybridising these dwarf, almost hardy orchids, resulting in some new colours such as dark orange, as in the cultivar "Keith Rattray". Pleiones started out in shades of pink but now include hybrids with yellow flowers such as "Zeus Weinstein", peach-coloured flowers such as "Rakata" and some beautiful whites including "Mayfield" and "Snow White".

Primula allionii hybrids are delightful primroses for growing in an alpine house. A collection staged by W. E. Thomas Ingwersen, of Gravetye, West Sussex, shows the full range of pink shades, from the palest "Anna Griffiths" to the deep purple-pink "Joan Hughes" with a conspicuous white eye.

Several RHS competitions are being held with the show, including the poorly supported (owing to the wet weather) rhododendron competition and the competition for ornamental plants. The City of Swansea scooped most of the first prizes for rhododendrons (they have included the pale yellow *Rhododendron macabeanum*) and gained a first in the ornamental plants' competition with *Cytisus spachianus*, a yellow, heavily scented broom.

In the surprisingly well-supported camellia competition, the Duke of Devonshire, of Chatsworth House, Derbyshire, and D. R. Strauss, of Stonehurst Estates, Ardingly, Sussex, scooped many of the first prizes for individual blooms.

The best bloom in the early daffodil competition is the cream and yellow trumpet cultivar "Goff's Caye", which won a Simmonds medal for A.J.R. Pearson, of Maldon, Essex, in the class for six cultivars.

The show, in the New Horticultural Hall, Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.J. Andrews and Miss V.F. Cooper
The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs John Andrews, of Crawley, Hampshire, and Victoria, elder daughter of Mr George Cooper and the late Mrs George Cooper, of Pleshey, Essex.

Mr R.B.L. Fitzwilliams and Miss J.A. Eccles
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs R.C.L. Fitzwilliams, and Julia, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs B.F. Eccles.

Mr J.R. Medlam and Miss C.L. Lawrie
The marriage has been arranged between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Medlam, and Charlotte, daughter of Mrs J. Wood and stepdaughter of Dr M.W.W. Wood.

Mr M.A.F. Podesta and Miss C.M.H. Rodwell
The engagement is announced between Matthew, elder son of Mr and Mrs Paul Podesta, of Flackwell Heath, Buckinghamshire, and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Rodwell, of Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire.

Mr D.R.D. Reid and Miss N.P.E. Piggott
The engagement is announced between Derek, younger son of Mr and Mrs William Reid, of Longtown, Cumbria, and Nicola, only daughter of Commander Graham Piggott, RN, and Mrs Piggott, of Northwood, Middlesex.

Mr H.M. Fenwick and Miss E.K. Theobald
The engagement is announced between Hugo, youngest son of Mr John Fenwick, of Fulham, London, and Mrs Gillian Fenwick, of Lower Swell, Gloucestershire, and Kate, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Theobald, of Gomshall, Surrey.

Mr C.S. Fowle and The Hon Caroline Fane Trefusis
The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Anthony Fowle, of Broughton, Hampshire, and Caroline, elder daughter of Lord and Lady Clinton, of Heanton Satchville, Okehampton, Devon.

Captain D.R. Jackson and Miss J. Butchers
The engagement is announced between Captain David R. Jackson, Royal Gurkha Rifles, younger son of Mr and Mrs John R. Jackson, of Vancouver Island, Canada, and Julie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Reg Butchers, of London, SW1.

Mr C.R.R. Sweeting and Miss A.J. Cubitt
The engagement is announced between Rupert, elder son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Sweeting, of Churchill, Oxfordshire, and Amanda, elder daughter of the late Mr Alick Cubitt and of Mrs J.E.H. Collins, of Chetwode, Buckinghamshire.



Ben Okri, the author, is 36 today

Birthdays today

Mr David Alton, MP, 44; Mr Alexander Bernstein, chairman, Granada Group, 59; Dr D.R.W. Bryer, director, Oxfam, 51; Miss Isobel Buchanan, soprano, 41; Mr P.J. Butler, former senior partner, KPMG Peat Marwick, 66; Sir Jack Callard, former chairman, British Home Stores, 82; Lord Constantine of Stanmore, 85; Mr Frank Dobson, MP, 55; Mr John Duttine, actor, 47; the Right Rev John Gibbs, former Bishop of Coventry, 78; Professor John Gillingham, neurologist, 79; Ms Sunetra Gupta, author, 30; Earl Haig, 77; Mr Nicholas Hinton, director-general, Save the Children Fund, 53; Mrs Deirdre Hutton, chairman, Scottish Consumer Council, 46; Sir Leonard Knowles, former Chief Justice of the Bahamas, 79; Sir John Lacy, former general director of party campaigning, Conservative Central Office, 67; Mr Mike Love, singer, 51; Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo, 71; Professor Joan Mitchell, economist, 75; Mr Michael Moore, chairman, NSPCC, 59; Mr Robert Nye, novelist and poet, 56; Sir Philip Powell, CH, architect, 74; Lord Rendlesham, 80; Mr Gavin Stamp, architectural historian and writer, 47; Sir Roger Tomkys, Master, Pembroke College, Cambridge, 58; Mr David Wall, a former director, Royal Academy of Dancing, 49.

Institute of Legal Executives

The following have passed the Institute of Legal Executives (ILEX) Part II Membership Examinations Autumn 1994:

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Cailleach T A E: Caira V J: Callaghan M G: Calverley S: Calvey M G: Camp M A: Campbell P A: Campbell S: Candy J: Canham C S: Canning J H: Carpenter G E A: Carse D E: Carter J: Cartwright R J: Cash D J: Cash E: Cathcart T J: Cattermole R G: Cemm H: Chadwick S: Chainani N M: Chan A: Chan C W: Chan K W C: Chan N P: Chan R: Chan S Q B: Charmbury R L: Cheng H L: Cheung C K T: Cheung C W: Cheung S K: Cheung T K: Cheung W C: Chittenden H A: Chiu W K: Chow K L: Choy W C: Chung C K: Clare M E: Clark A: Clark C: Clark P C: Clark S: Clarke A S: Clegg Y: Clements L: Cleverley E A: Clifton-Timms P: Clowes E J: Coates E M: Cohen S L: Coker H J: Colclough L J: Cole L P: Cole P A: Coleman D A: Coles P M: Coley P D: Colley J L: Collick P A: Collins B J: Collins S F: Collinson T P: Comish S D: Concannon N P: Connor H: Constable J: Cooper J: Cooper J M: Corcoran A M: Corcoran M A: Cossey T J: Costello R J: Coster D A: Cotterill C H: Coulter A: Courtenay S J: Cox D P: Cragg D J: Creasey N A: Cullen T A: Cummings D A: Cummings M S: Cure S E: Curnow M J: Curry R K

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Gabdel K L: Gackowska S J E: Gallagher M: Galloway K: Game D S: Gammon M D: Garbett J E: Garbutt P A: Gardiner S E: Garrett P L A: Garton M J: Gaskin E L: Gaughran C J: Gay S A: Gayler M I: Gaywood P J: Gennard N D W: Gentilella M: Gibbs H M: Gibson F A: Gilbert H: Gilks C W: Gills A: Gills L F: Gleave T: Glover S: Godfrey A R: Golder J: Goldring V R: Goldsack P: Gonzalez M A: Gooch J M: Goodenough A P: Goodman J M: Goodman K J: Goodson M F: Goodwin C M: Goodwin J: Goodwin M: Gould C E: Gow J: Gowland S D: Grainger M L: Gray L H: Gray P M: Green C S: Green J P: Green S C: Greenaway S C: Greenhalgh E: Greenhill J: Greenwood C A: Greenwood E A: Gregg J L: Gregory J: Griffin K M: Griffiths A C: Grimberg A S: Grogan A: Grover L A: Gunning A J: Gunningham K: Gwinnell E A

Halicki A H: Hall S J A: Hallard H: Hallworth P M: Hamilton S A P: Hancock J L: Hardy S W: Harness K A: Harrhy H J: Harries D: Harrington C D: Harris C: Harris G R: Harris J E: Harrison G: Harrison M D: Harvey J I: Harvey-Pittaway A J: Hastings P B: Hatherly J P: Hawkins D A T: Haynes A L K: Hayler N R: Healey S M: Heath L J: Helliwell E: Henderson E F: Henderson N C: Henderson P J: Hennessey E: Henry A: Herbert J L: Herd S M: Herod S C: Heskins M A: Hewins J M: Hewitt S N: Hewson F M: Hickman E A: Hicks A T: Higgins S: Hill C E: Hill D P: Hill K: Hill S: Hilton V: Ho H F: Ho K W K: Ho M C: Ho W K S: Holden L: Holt K S: Hoskins J E: Hough G J: Howard D M: Howard J E: Howells S: Howes D J: Hrusa T L: Huggins N J: Humphreys A R: Humphreys M K: Hung R T: Hunt L P: Hurst P E: Hutchings D M

Ibrahim A: Iddiols L A: Ingrem S C: Irving T

Jackson G A: Jackson R S: Jackson S C: Jackson S D: Jackson S J: Jaggard C M: James M R: James P A: James S P: James V S: Jenkins C L: Jenkins L A: Jenkins S A: Jennings M F: Jennings S C: Jerome R A: John-Modeste M: Johnson F L: Johnson R W: Jones B A: Jones C A: Jones D E: Jones D M: Jones E: Jones H R: Jones M P: Jones N E: Jones N J: Jora U R: Joseph C S: Joseph M L: Jung M: Jury J

Kadiri A O: Kam Y L S: Kelly L A: Kelly M: Kelso A P: Kennedy A M: Kershaw C N: Kett H C: Kighley E A: Killen J A: Kinch G J: King D A: King J L: King S J: Kinghorn H T: Kinnersley A J: Kirkham M J: Kistie T E: Knell J P: Knifton C I: Knight B D: Knight J E: Knight S E: Knowlden C E: Knowles J: Knox S J: Ko C K: Komarnyckyj A: Kung Y C: Kwan S K

Laidlaw P A: Lake E L: Lam S H: Lambe T J: Lambert J: Lambert S M: Landimore C: Lane I F: Lane J M: Langton S: Lattin S W: Lau S: Law W Y T: Lawery T J: Leach C M: Leach H E: Leahy P M: Leakey D: Lee K C: Lee P E: Leggott C H: Leslie A: Leung K Y: Leung P K: Leung Y W: Lewis J A: Lewis P L: Lewis S J: Lewis S M: Lewis-Manning C: Lewiston M L: Li A L K: Li J S K: Lines D E: Lines G D: Lines M A: Lloyd V E: Lo W K: Loades P R: Lofthouse C: Lomas S: Long P J: Long T W: Lord R E M: Loring S: Loseby A D: Lott C J: Lowick T S: Loydon G M: Lubin T E: Lundie H C: Lymer L A: Lynch T M: Lyndon K

Mace R D: Mackintosh L: Mackenzie S J: Macnab K: Mahmood K: Maidment S: Mankad B: Mann K L: Mann R H: Manning L P: Manning P R: Mark I L: Marshall V L: Martin C A: Martin V: Mason C A: Mason J A: Matheson H R: Matthews A E: Matthews E J: Matthews P J: May S: Maynard P C: McAllister I D: McAnespie S: McCanna M: McCarthy D D: McCarthy M: McDonnell L S: McGarry M B: McGee C A: McGuire D A: McIntyre N A: McKenna E M J: McKenzie-Warren N J: McKnight J: McLaughlin D: McLintock K A: McMaster L: McMillan A J: McMinn H: McNamara J: McNamara R: Medler G B: Mehmet F: Merralls A: Middleton J R P: Miles K D: Mill W R: Mills A K S: Mills C A: Mills D J: Milwood A M: Mincher T P: Minocha S: Mittleman F S: Money B A: Mooney M E: Moore J G: Mootoosamy J: Moran M: Moran S L: Morgan G C: Morgan J S: Moriarty A M: Morley Y: Morris D A: Morris L: Morris-Jones L M: Morwood-Leylands A M T: Mott W R D: Mullan S E: Mulligan J E: Mulligan J L: Mullins M B: Munkacsi S: Murfitt M I: Murphy B M: Murphy K V: Murray A J

Nadason S S: Nagra N: Nathan J J: Neales T: Neary P M: Necke M T: Neeve BA C J: Nathercott P A: New M: Newbold J: Newstead R J: Newton L: Nicholls A H L: Nicholls F R: Nicholson J: Nobbs C E: Nolan K A

O'Connor L F: O'Donovan M: O'Dwyer S A: O'Fee J A: O'Neill A F: O'Neill T: O'Shea G A: O'Shea H F: Odwyer S J: Ogarro M A: Older D: Oliver J L: Oliver J M: Organ A P: Orhan I A: Orton BA K K: Overton H F

Paisley L: Palmer J R: Parkin D A: Parkin W M: Parsons S L: Partridge N J: Pasfield S L: Patrick J E: Patterson B M: Payne D R: Payne S K: Peacock A J: Peake A: Pearson S A: Pedder F C: Pedro C A: Pegg N J: Pegg P A: Penn A: Peralta V E: Perry J B: Pettitt L A: Phillips C A: Phillips D J: Phillips R J: Pimblett R M: Plackett S M: Plant E: Plaskitt D: Pollard V E: Ponder V A: Powell D E: Power H P: Powton B M: Preston P A: Priest G P: Priest N: Priestman T: Prince S L: Print R J: Prior C L: Proctor A M: Pugh S C: Purdy G M: Purvis A A

Quane K E

Rachael J B: Raeside A S: Rai J S: Rajasansi M K: Ramzan M S: Randall S J: Rant J A: Ratcliffe C L: Raynsford L J: Redgrove K E: Reed R H: Reeve D: Reeves D R: Regan S E: Reid S A: Reynard J A: Rhaeadr-Burgess C: Rhodes M P: Riccio M C: Richards C J: Richards K N: Richards L R: Richardson G L: Rigby S: Riggall K J: Rix S: Roberts B C: Roberts J: Roberts J E: Roberts K: Roberts M J: Roberts S N: Robins P A: Robinson A J: Robinson B: Robinson D: Robinson I: Robinson T L: Robottom S M: Robson B M: Robson J D: Roche T: Rochester E L: Roe S J: Rooke H J: Rowbottom I R: Rowe A J: Rowell D: Rowlands E G: Rundle N J: Rutt H

Sackey A K: Sadigh S L: Salmon P: Samad L S: Sampson C L: Sanders J P: Sanders N D: Sangha T: Savage K L: Sawkins F B: Sawyer M S: Sawyer N A: Sayer L: Schmidtchen T: Schofield J H B: Scott A P: Scott J: Scott P M: Seigne S B: Sharma B: Shaw C D: Shaw H J: Sheffield A: Shepherd N T: Shepherd T A: Shepperd D V: Shergold L J: Simmonds B J: Simpson J C: Sinclaire A J: Sissons M J: Skitt A S: Slane M: Smart A J: Smith A: Smith C V M: Smith E L: Smith J: Smith J: Smith K M: Smith L K: Smith M J: Smith S: Smith S K: Smythe L A: Snelson C: Soares A A: Soodin C G: Speed S M: Speller P A: Spiers G: Spilman S Y: Spring A K: Squire H R: Stables P G: Stace A D: Stafford S W: Staines S: Stapleton K M: Steel L R: Steer S L: Stephenson C A: Stephenson M A: Stevens W M: Stewart J M: Stidwill R M: Stokes H E R: Strong N: Strudwick J A: Stuart J: Stuttard M J: Sutton E J: Sutton J A: Swain A M: Sweeney A L: Swift J A: Swinn M J: Syer P: Symonds M T

Tallis K D: Tate W: Tayler S A: Taylor I K: Taylor J P: Taylor K A: Taylor S A: Taylor S J: Tebay S E: Thirtle-Watts R A: Thomas C D: Thomas M J: Thomas M M: Thomas N J: Thomas S J: Thompson A H: Thompson E J: Thompson G M: Thompson N A: Thompson P D: Thompson S J: Timms T J: Tolhurst S J: Tollitt A J: Tomes R M: Tong W C: Tongue N J: Torrance A K: Townend R L: Towse S R: Trueman L J: Trueman M: Truin E J: Tsang C P: Tubb K M: Tucker G E: Tucker L: Tucker P: Tucker S L: Turner Y A: Tuthill F J: Tyrrell R S

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Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Andrew Jackson, general, 7th American President 1829-37, Waxhaw, Carolina, 1767; William Lamb, 2nd Viscount Melbourne, Prime Minister 1834 and 1835-41, London, 1779; Dame Madge Kendal, actress, Cleethorpes, 1849; Lady Augusta Gregory, dramatist, poet and director of the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, Roxborough, Co Galway, 1852; Emil von Behring, bacteriologist, Nobel laureate 1901, Hansdorf, Germany, 1854.

DEATHS: Julius Caesar, assassinated, Rome, 44BC; Tobias Rustat, Yeoman of the Robes to Charles II, London, 1694; Otto von Kotzebue, navigator, Reval, Russia, 1846; Luigi Cherubini, composer, Paris, 1852; James Sylvester, mathematician, London, 1897; Sir Henry Bessemer, engineer, inventor, steel manufacturer, London, 1898; Walter Crane, illustrator, Horsham, 1915; August von Wasserman, bacteriologist, Berlin, 1925; Nevil Sidgwick, chemist, Oxford, 1952; Aristotle Onassis, shipping magnate, Paris, 1975; Dame Rebecca West, writer, London, 1983.

The Cincinnati Red Stockings became the first all-professional baseball team, 1869.

A bomb planted by Fenians exploded in the offices of *The Times*, London, 1883.

American entrepreneur G.S. Selfridge opened London's first department store on a six-acre site in Oxford Street, 1909.

Nicholas II (the last Russian Emperor), abdicated, 1917.

Bapsy Marchioness of Winchester

Bapsy Marchioness of Winchester has presented her archives to the City of Winchester.

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Psalm 42 : 1.2 (REB)

BIRTHS

ARMSTRONG-FOX - On 9th March 1995 at The Portland Hospital, to Janet and Martin, a fine son, William Charles James.

BARING - On March 3rd at The Portland Hospital, to Miranda and Mark, a son, Patrick.

BEY MUFTYZADE - Leyla and Reshide, Zia and Lauren are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, in Melbourne, on 9th March at 1.35 am.

COLVILLE - On March 11th, to Katharine (née Dowson) and James, a son, Alexander.

DAME - On March 8th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Jennifer (née Anstead) and Nigel, a son, Alexander William Spencer, a brother for Emma.

EVERETT - On 14th March 1995, to Charlotte (née Fiennes-Coxs) and Richard, a son, Roger Charles Hans.

FAY - On 14th March, to Anna (née Barnett) and Frank, at Braine l'Alleud, Belgium, a son, Nicholas.

FERDOUSIAN - Cyrus born at Wellington Hospital on 13th March, to Feryal and Mark, a welcome son.

FIELDS - On 11th March 1995, to Jessica (née Ormerod) and David, a son, Alexander Thomas.

FROME - On 13th March at The Portland Hospital, to Rosemary (née Healy) and Nicholas, a daughter, Letitia Sarah Margaret, a sister for James and Robert.

HACKETT - On Saturday 11th March, to Philippa (née Good) and Richard, a daughter, Alexandra Emily Caroline, a sister for Georgina.

HANNIGAN - Born to Iain and Fiona on 12th March 1995, a son, Sean Vincent.

HATTRELL - On March 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Katherine (née Shipsey) and Martin, a daughter (Emily Olivia).

HOSEGOOD - On 13th March, to Cappy and Neville, a daughter, Esther Elizabeth, a sister for Theodore.

INGLIS-TAYLOR - On 9th March at The Portland Hospital, to Caroline (née Bentley) and Andrew, a daughter, Harriet Rose, a sister for Victoria.

IVALDI - On March 7th, to Pauline (née Onadeko) and Giampiero, a daughter, Francesca, a sister for Gianluca.

LOCKE - On March 5th, in Aberdeen, to Kathleen (née Vincent) and Alasdair, a son, Harry Thomas Dougall.

MILLS - On 9th January, in Cairns, Queensland, to Deon (née Clifford) and Chris, a daughter, Kayleigh Eleanor Anne.

ROBERTSON - On March 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Marytn and Penelope, a son, William Richard Edward, a brother for Alexander.

SANGSTER - On March 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Guy and Fiona, a daughter, Ella May, a sister for Ned and Mylo.

SPENCE-JONES - On February 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Virginia (née Bueno) and Clive, a son, Cameron James, a brother for Magnus and George.

SYKES - On 11th March, to Anne (née Hennebry) and Matthew, a daughter, Arabella Elizabeth.

TOTTMAN - On March 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Niki and Nigel - twins, Normandie and Benedict, a brother and a sister for Oliver and Rupert.

WAY - On March 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Mary (née Coleman) and William, a handsome son, John Griffith, a brother for Lexie and Tricia.

DEATHS

ACHILLOPULUS - Costa, on Friday, March 10th at his home in Plan de Grasse, Alpes Maritimes, France.

AITCHISON - At Lamlash on the Isle of Arran on March 10th 1995, Lt. Cmdr., Raymund James Craigie, eldest son of the late Rt. Hon. Lord Aitchison and Lady Aitchison. Service in Masonhill Crematorium by Ayr on Friday March 17th at 1 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to King George's Fund for Sailors, 1 Chesham Street, London SW1X 8NF.

BETT - Rachel, died peacefully 14th March, most loved sister, aunt and good friend to many at Earnley.

BOWICK - On Thursday 9th March 1995, peacefully in The Royal Bournemouth Hospital, David Marshall Bowick C.B.E. aged 71 years. Husband of the late May. A dearly loved father, grandfather and uncle. Funeral Service at Kirkcaldy Crematorium, Fife, on Monday 20th March at 3 pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. He will be greatly missed by all the family and friends. Donations for The Royal National Institute for The Blind, may be sent to Mr. Aitken, 121 Main Street, Lower Largo.

CAMPBELL - On March 11th, peacefully after a long illness, Nigel Keith Graham Campbell M.C., of London SW1. Deeply loved by his family and many friends, will be greatly missed. Private family funeral. Memorial Service will be held on Thursday 20th April at 2.30 pm at St Michael's Church, Chester Square, London SW1.

CAZENOVE - Edna, on March 11th 1995 peacefully at dawn. Much loved mother to Patricia and grandmother to Charlotte Jane. Funeral Service Monday March 20th 10 am at St Mary's Convent and Nursing Home, Burlington Lane, Chiswick. Flowers welcome.

DAWES - Agnes Sophia passed away peacefully, aged 95 years. Beloved mother of Mary and Maurice. Funeral Service will take place on Monday 20th March at the Worthing Crematorium Main Chapel at 2.40 pm. Flowers and enquiries to the Co-operative Funeral Service, 133 London Road, Brighton, tel: (01273) 607276.

D'EYE - A.T. D'Eye, lecturer, of Shoreham, Kent. Died peacefully on 11th March, aged 97.

DINNIS - Audrey née Agatha Muriel Ayre died in hospital on March 7th 1995, dearly loved wife of the late Dudley and much loved mother and grandmother. All enquiries to L.F. Lintott & Son, North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex, tel: (01730) 813264.

FORBES - Elsie, peacefully on 12th March, now re-united with husband Gordon, dearly loved mother of Sandy, June, Gordon and Elizabeth, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at Attleborough Church, nr. Norwich, at 3pm on Friday 17th March, followed by a short ceremony at Norwich City Crematorium and family gathering at Ashtree Farm. All enquiries to Elizabeth on (01953) 482313.

JACKSON - William James on Sunday 12th March, peacefully at home, in his 90th year. Loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. 31 years retired from the Bank of England. Service at Christ's Chapel, Dulwich Village, SE21, at 11 am on Monday March 20th. No flowers, donations if desired to "St Barnabas, Dulwich, PCC" (Re-building Fund), c/o Trace, 88 Burbage Road, SE24 9HE.

JENKINS - Garth John, C.B., Q.C., LL.B., (Hon) LL.D., on Saturday 11th March 1995 at Warwick Hospital, in his 62nd year, after a long illness borne with characteristic courage and fortitude. Adored husband of Patricia and beloved father of Anne; of Wimbledon, London and Wellesbourne, Warwickshire. Formerly Deputy Secretary and Legal Adviser and Solicitor to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-upon-Avon, on Friday 17th March at 1.15 pm, followed by committal at Oakley Wood Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to A.E. Bennett & Sons, 34 Sheep Street, Stratford-upon-Avon or donations if preferred to Nicholas Ward Trust Fund, Warwick Hospital, Lakin Road, Warwick. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held on a date to be announced in due course.

KACSER - Died in Edinburgh on March 13th 1995, Henrik Kacser, a much loved very special husband and a dear friend and colleague to so many. Funeral at Warriston Crematorium Main Chapel, Edinburgh, on Friday March 17th at 11.30 am, to which all friends are invited. Family flowers only please.

KELLY - Suddenly on March 13th, Alan aged 70 years, of Spence Combe, Crediton, beloved husband of Margery. Funeral Service Church of the Holy Cross, Crediton, on Monday March 20th at 2 pm, followed by interment at Crediton Cemetery. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, for Crediton Church c/o A. White & Sons, Peoples Park Road, Crediton, Devon.

KENTNER - Griselda, wife of the late Louis Kentner, CBE, much loved by her devoted family and friends, peacefully in hospital on March 10th, after a long decline bravely endured. Funeral at St Mary the Virgin, Speldhurst, Kent, on Tuesday March 21st, 2 pm. London train will be met at Tunbridge Wells. Enquiries to E.R. Hickmott & Sons, (01892) 522462. Garden flowers only: donations if desired to Yehudi Menuhin School (Development Fund), Stoke d'Abernon, Surrey KT11 3QQ.

LAYTON - On March 12th 1995, peacefully at Upton House, Worth, Eda, M.B.E., W.R.V.S., aged 101. Elder daughter of the late Stanley Attenborough. Funeral Service at Holy Cross Church, Goodnestone, on Thursday March 16th at 3pm. Flowers and enquiries to J. Dilnot Smith & Son, Funeral Directors, Beacon Lane, Woodnesborough, Sandwich, Kent, tel: (01304) 812300.

LEYNE - On March 13th, peacefully at home in Wymondham, aged 73 years, Christopher Terence Leyne, beloved husband of Susan and dear father of Abigail and Charis. Funeral Service at Wymondham R.C. Church on Monday March 20th at 10 am, followed by burial at Wymondham Cemetery.

LONG - On March 12th 1995, Major John George Long RE (PCS) retd., aged 76 years. Husband of the late Betty. Funeral at Randalls Park, Leatherhead, on Monday 20th March at 3 pm. Flowers to F.W. Paine, 265 Ewell Road, Surbiton, Surrey or if desired donations may be sent to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

LOVEDAY - On March 11th 1995, peacefully at home, Patrick Walter Loveday O.B.E., M.I.C.E., aged 87 years. Beloved husband, father and grandfather. Memorial Service in Winchester Cathedral on Friday 17th March at 2 pm. No flowers, donations, if desired to International Foundation for Animal Welfare (I.F.A.W.) c/o Jno. Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester SO23 0HU.

LYTH - Philip, peacefully in hospital on 13th March 1995, aged 81 years, former Principal of Brackenhurst College. Funeral Service St James Church, Halloughton, Saturday 18th March, 1.15pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Raynauds Scleroderma Association c/o D.J. Hall Funeral Directors, 60A King Street, Southwell, Notts.

MOLE - Francis John aged 87 years. Devoted husband of the late Jessie Bayne and beloved father of Philip, Alan and Patrick. Funeral enquiries to Nicholas O'Hara Funeral Directors, (01202) 882134.

MUIR - Alastair William Erskine, of Weston Turville, Aylesbury, Bucks., aged 67. Died Sunday 5th March, peacefully and courageous to the end. Memorial Service will be held shortly.

PALFALVY - On March 11th 1995, in hospital, Vilma Elizabeth aged 80 years, much loved mother of John and Eva. Funeral Service will take place on Friday 17th March 2.30 pm at St Raphaels Church, Surbiton, followed by committal at Kingston Crematorium. Flowers and enquiries to F.W. Paine, 265 Ewell Road, Surbiton, (081) 399-2060.

RANSOM - Madoline Mabel on 12th March, widow of Christopher, dearly loved mother of Colin and Joanna, at Bybrook House Nursing Home, Box, Wilts. Formerly of Sidmouth. Private cremation 21st March. Thanksgiving Service and interment of ashes at Otterton Parish Church, Devon, on Friday March 31st at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund c/o Mrs Bowler, 33 Marlborough Buildings, Bath, BA1 2LY.

SELOUS - Miranda on 13th March. Much loved sister of Gavin. Mother of Gerald, Sarah and Andrew and grandmother of Edmund, Grace and Joy. Funeral on 17th March, 1.15 pm. St Lawrence, Chobham. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to G.U.T.S. and Stoke Mandeville Hospital.

SHAW - On March 12th, very peacefully, Harry Godfrey (Pat), of Buxted, Sussex, in his 90th year. Husband of Jill, stepfather of Simon and Antony Fawcus and brother of Michael and the late Tony Shaw. Funeral at 11 am on Monday March 20th at The Kent and Sussex Crematorium, Tunbridge Wells. Family flowers only please but donations, if wished, for Marie Curie Cancer Care may be sent c/o Fuller & Scott, The Wakelyns, Uckfield, TN22 1AJ. (01825) 763241.

SHENKMAN SMITH - On March 11th 1995, peacefully at home in England with courage and dignity, Belle Shenkman Smith C.M., L.L.D., Hon R.C.M., widow of General Desmond Smith, adored mother of Desha and William (Maureen) Shenkman, sister of Beatrice. Private funeral in Ottawa, Canada. Memorial Services in Canada and London, England in due course. No flowers or donations please.

SHERIDAN - On March 14th 1995, Thomas Kevin Sheridan, beloved husband of Elizabeth and devoted father of Bernadette, James, John and Michael and very, dear grandfather, died peacefully. Funeral Service at St Christopher's Church, Cheam, Surrey, at 10 am on Tuesday March 21st. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to Cancer Research Fund c/o Royal Marsden Hospital, Surrey and Parkinson's Disease Society, 22 Upper Woburn Place, WC1H 0RA.

SHERIDAN - On 12th March 1995 suddenly at home in Eastbourne, Bob. Loving husband of Janet and father of Lesley, Jill, Paul and Sally, beloved grandfather of Susannah, Louisa, Sarah, Nicola, Susie and Andrew. You will always be missed. For funeral arrangements please contact Haine & Son Ltd., 19 South Street, Eastbourne, tel: (01323) 727801.

SWAINSON - On 12th March 1995, Richard Gallienne Swainson, of Lancaster (Solicitor ret'd), in his 84th year. Funeral Friday 17th March 11 am at Lancaster Priory. Flowers, family only. Donations to Abbeyfield (Lancaster) Society c/o Preston Ireland Bowker, 20B Queen Street, Lancaster, tel: (01524) 64023.

TAUNTON - John, peacefully on 10th March 1995. Greatly loved husband, father and grandfather. Requiem Mass at St Henry's Church, Burnham Market, on Monday 20th March at 12 noon.

TIZARD - Anthony Noel, died on March 10th in hospital, after a short illness. Husband of the late Pauline Tizard, much loved father of Jane and Simon and grandfather of Phillip and Peter. The funeral will be held at 10 am on Monday 20th March at Christ The Prince of Peace Church, Weybridge. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Parkinsons Disease Society.

WHITE - William Stanley, on 12th March in the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, after a short illness. Beloved husband of Francoise, father, stepfather and grandfather. Private funeral. Donations if desired to R.N.I.B.

WHYTE - Phyl (née Lee) died peacefully in Dulwich Hospital on March 10th 1995. Rather special aunt of Zillah, John, Michael, Jeremy and families and dearly loved widow of Allan, formerly of Bexhill-on-Sea. Funeral at Honor Oak Crematorium on Monday 20th March at 2 pm. All friends are invited.

WILLIAMSON - (Barrister at Law). Suddenly on Friday 10th March, Victor aged 67 years, the dearly loved and devoted husband of Susie Williamson, loving father of Patrick and David, of Buxton, Derbyshire. Funeral Friday 17th March, service at St John's Church, Buxton, at 2.15 pm followed by private cremation. Enquiries to David H. Smith, Mellor & Smith Funeral Directors, tel: Buxton (01298) 77703 or Leek (01538) 399661.

WOJNAROWSKI - Konstanty Jerzy (Kostek), Virtuti Militari, Cross of Valour, Airman and Sculptor, died peacefully at home on March 11th after a long illness. Beloved husband of Muriel, loving father of Fenella and Janina and grandfather of Chloe, Benedict and Frederick. Funeral Service family only. Memorial gathering, April 28th. Donations, if desired, to Polish Airforce Association, 14 Collingham Gardens, London SW5 0HT.

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OBITUARIES

DR BARBARA EVANS

Dr Barbara Evans, pathologist, author and journalist, died on March 5 aged 85. She was born on June 5, 1909.

HAD Barbara Evans been born a few years earlier she might well have been a suffragette, and she would have been a formidable opponent of the Establishment. As it was, she qualified in what was a male-dominated profession, choosing, in pathology, a speciality where women doctors were rare. She confessed that it was not then thought to be ladylike, a fact which was very far from worrying her.

She went on to have a successful career in her chosen profession, and also made a considerable mark as a writer. She did this partly in the columns of *The Sunday Times*, for which she was for a period Medical Correspondent, and through the authorship of several books. These dealt, in the forthright manner characteristic of her, with some of the highly topical subjects of her day; these ranged from the impact on the civilian population of the war in Vietnam to such medical considerations as contraception and the physiology of the older woman.

Barbara Dorothy Fordyce Hay-Cooper qualified at the Royal Free Hospital in 1934. The following year she married Dr Philip Rainsford Evans, who was to become Director of Paediatrics at Guy's Hospital and Physician-Paediatrician to the Queen.

While her husband spent much of the war abroad serving in the RAMC, she was at the burns unit of the Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead. There she worked with Sir Archibald McIndoe's celebrated team of plastic surgeons in wartime circumstances which saw a radical extension of what plastic surgery might achieve. Barbara Evans did important work in the pathological research which led to taking skin from one part of the body and successfully grafting it to the burnt area, remodelling limbs and giving new faces and new hope to servicemen, particularly RAF aircrew who had been dreadfully burnt in battle.

In the 1950s Barbara Evans sought to stretch herself, as she saw it, and began a new career as a freelance journalist. She became Medical Correspondent of *The Sunday Times*, which was then another male bastion. Nevertheless, she was not daunted. Her deceptively vague and rather patrician manner, combined with her undoubted presence, intimidated one senior executive, a man with the instincts of a bully, so much that he used to hide when she came into the office.

At first she found journalistic writing difficult, even illogical. She argued for example that the "intro" to a news item (the first paragraph which tells the who, what, where and why of the story) was an irrelevant waste of space. But she persevered, and went on to work for a number of publications including *World Medicine*, of which she became Consulting Editor.

She was more comfortable with the book format, despite vigorous arguments with various book editors. In 1979 *Life Change* appeared, a user-friendly book on the menopause, her purpose being to give women confidence and dignity by removing the fears and myths surrounding it. She attacked the view that women in menopause were in some way mentally less competent, and argued that post-menopausal women had a good third of their lives to live and were a valuable resource. Typically, she suggested that if indeed there was any loss of libido in the menopausal female, it was quite possibly husband-induced, as male impotence doubled between the ages of 45 and 55.



Life Change was followed in 1984 by *Freedom to Choose: the Life and Work of Dr Helena Wright, Pioneer of Contraception*. Barbara Evans had discovered from a conversation in her local baker's shop that Dr Wright, then 90, was a neighbour of hers. She made the acquaintance of the redoubtable pioneer and thereafter spent many an absorbing afternoon with someone who was very much a kindred spirit, discussing the eye-opening psychosexual therapy practised by Dr Wright.

But these were later works. Her authorial career had begun in 1968 with *Caduceus in Saigon*, which was the result of working there for a year in the midst of the Vietnam War. In 1966 her husband had accepted an invitation to lead a team of paediatricians to Saigon, to take responsibility for surgery at Nhi Dong, the only children's hospital in South Vietnam. Barbara Evans went too, her medical training and East Grinstead experience being invaluable.

She returned with deep sympathy for the Vietnamese people and little time for the diplomats and the US military. Yet the book was a primarily graphic, rather than tendentious, account of her experiences.

In it, the anger against the cruelties of war are controlled. There is no place for indignation or blame. Instead she dispassionately chronicles the realities: the overcrowded hospitals; the poverty and apathy of the Vietnamese civil population; the seasonal toll of cholera; the fearsome burn injuries often caused as much by exploding paraffin stoves as by the napalm of the US Air Force. It was an account of deep compassion, and of warmth and wit.

Philip and Barbara Evans had a long and loving marriage, which ended with his death in July 1990. She remained in their house in St John's Wood, London, until in 1994 a fall left her confused and with some paralysis. Protesting strongly, she moved to a nursing home where she eventually died after a stroke.

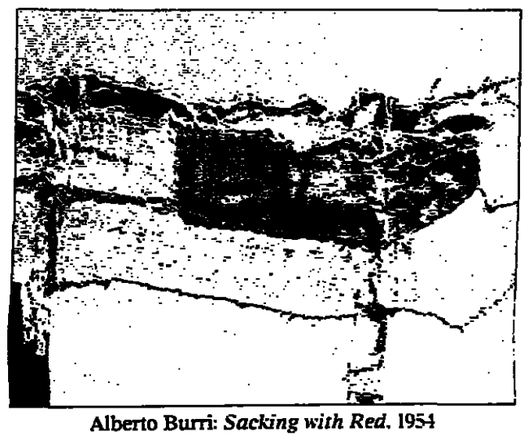
Barbara Evans was a loving person, caustic, funny and always immensely curious. She is survived by three sons and a daughter.

ALBERTO BURRI

Alberto Burri, Italian painter and collagist, died in hospital in Nice on February 13 aged 79. He was born in Umbria on March 12, 1915.

FORGED from the materials that came to hand in the American prisoner-of-war camp in which he spent the years 1943-45, the art of Alberto Burri expressed a sensibility lacerated by the experience of total war with a pungency that perhaps none of his contemporaries does. Taking old and torn sacks, charred plywood and scrap metal, in short, the characteristic debris of our time, he created images which were recognised, on their first exhibition in Rome in 1948, as possessing haunting power.

His work prefigured the Junk Art of America. But it is more accurately seen as a forerunner of the superficially similar, but significantly different, Arte Povera of Italy which stresses the innate dignity of the "humble" items which man has rejected in his headlong rush towards technological progress.



Alberto Burri: *Sacking with Red*, 1954

Alberto Burri was born in Città di Castello in the Umbrian Apennines north of Perugia. Initially he had no thoughts of being an artist and trained to be a doctor. When Italy entered the Second World War in 1940 he joined the army's medical service and was sent to North Africa. It was there that he was captured by units of the US Army as the Allies closed in on Axis forces trapped in Tunisia in the summer of 1943.

Burri was sent to a prisoner-of-war camp at Hereford in a remote part of Texas, close to the New Mexico state line. There, though at first expected by his fellow inmates to devote himself to their medical care, he turned his back on medicine and began to paint. With the philosophical detachment of their race his fellow Italian PoWs accepted this; indeed his symbolical rejection of medicine as being a mere panacea to unworthy humanity became a legend throughout the camp.

Nevertheless, it was Burri's experience as an army surgeon, sewing up wounds and handling rough, bloodstained field dressings, that provided the impetus for his work. His first artistic attempts were paintings, loud with the strident colours suggested both by the light of North Africa and the unrelenting summer suns of Texas. Soon he changed direction, sewing sacks together and splashing them with red paint. Adding rusty metals and charred wood to his repertoire he produced collages powerfully evocative of both the carnage and the material destruction of the battlefield.

Released from his wartime captivity, he returned to Italy in 1946, settling in Rome where he joined the Origine group of young avant garde artists. Burri was, in fact, never really a "group" man, in spite of his undoubted influence on contemporaries, preferring to carve his own lonely furrow.

His first exhibition was in Rome's Galleria Margherita in 1948. His reputation soon became an international one. He showed at the Venice Biennale of 1952 and in 1960 was awarded the International Critics Prize. His work was also popular in the United States where it spawned Junk Art, and he was represented at the New Decade exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art, New York, in 1955. In some quarters he attracted criticism, however. In 1959 the Italian Communist Party condemned in parliament one of his burlap paintings, then hanging in a Rome gallery.

His work made a great impact in London where it was first shown at the Hanover Gallery in 1960. In an age which has seen far too much junk dubiously enlisted in the ranks of art, it was universally acknowledged as possessing an arresting dignity and elegance. Its very defiance of established aesthetic conventions seemed to proclaim it as being an art appropriate to the post-Hiroshima age. Characteristic of his work is *Sacking and Red* in the Tate Gallery, London.

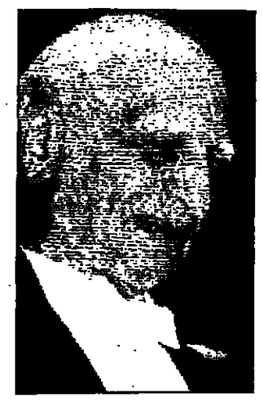
Burri was an enthusiastic hunter, pursuing deer and boar in his native Apennines, and an avid soccer fan. He designed the striking poster for "Italia 90" — the official emblem of the 1990 World Cup which was staged in Italy.

Burri remained a largely reclusive figure. Although he spent part of the year in Città di Castello and also regularly visited Los Angeles, the birthplace of his wife Minsa, who was a ballerina with the Martha Graham company, he settled on the French Riviera between Nice and Monte Carlo four years ago.

His wife survives him; there were no children.

MAX RUDOLF

Max Rudolf, orchestral conductor, died in Philadelphia on March 1 aged 92. He was born in Frankfurt am Main on June 15, 1902.



IN A performing career which spanned just weeks short of seventy years from his debut in Freiburg to his final appearance in Philadelphia, Max Rudolf excelled as an opera conductor on both sides of the Atlantic. He did so particularly with his interpretation of Mozart and Strauss operas at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, where he worked for 13 years. He also became a greatly admired and revered pedagogue at the Curtis Institute, Philadelphia.

A product of the interwar German tradition which produced such musicians as Wilhelm Furtwängler, Herbert von Karajan and Otto Klemperer, Rudolf was a knowledgeable man who gave a great deal of thought to his performances and argued strongly in favour of honouring the composers' original intentions when performing their music. Along with such colleagues as George Szell and Fritz Reiner he introduced European musical ideas to a culture-hungry America.

Born just five years after the death of Brahms, Max Rudolf began his musical studies at the age of seven. In addition to the piano, which he learnt with Eduard Jung, Rudolf took up the cello, organ and trumpet. The very first concert he attended was during the first winter of the First World War, when patriotic feelings were running high and he heard Richard Strauss conduct his *Burleske* with a freshly-conscripted Wilhelm Backhaus at the piano in uniform.

From the age of 12 Rudolf composed a number of chamber works, primarily under the guidance of Bernhard Sekles at the Hoch Conservatory in Frankfurt, yet it was Sekles's pupil, Paul Hindemith, who inadvertently discouraged Rudolf from pursuing this career: "I could see his talent and knew that mine was not so fine," he said. "I did not want to be another ordinary composer so I began to study scores."

At the age of 21 Max Rudolf made his conducting debut in Freiburg and shortly thereafter appeared at Darmstadt (conducting Johann Strauss's *Die Fledermaus*) where he soon became number two to Karl Böhm. It was here that he first met Rudolph Bing whom he would later spend several years working for in New York. Darmstadt was followed by a six-year spell at the German Theatre in Prague with George Szell, and in 1929 and 1930 he guest-conducted the Berlin Philharmonic.

In 1935, sensing the growing rise of anti-Semitic feeling in Europe, Rudolf and his wife Liese, whom he married in 1927, moved to Gothenburg, Sweden, taking various musical positions before emigrating to Chicago in 1940, where he taught music. Szell brought him to the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, in 1945 (the year before he took American citizenship) where his thorough administrative skills, intellectual mind and musical talents were heavily relied upon by Bing when he arrived as general manager in 1950. Rudolf left the Met in 1958 to become music director of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, taking it on a world tour in 1966 and a European one in 1969.

The following year Rudolph Serkin invited him to reopen the opera department at the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia and, although he returned to the Met in 1973, Rudolf was back at the Institute in 1983 retaining an affiliation there for the rest of his life. He was also invited to become Conductor Laureate, later Conductor Emeritus, of the Concerto Soloists of Philadelphia — the pre-eminent chamber orchestra in the city.

A widely read scholar, Rudolf contributed numerous articles to journals and magazines. However, it was his book *The Grammar of Conducting*, published in 1950, that became a textbook for many protegés. It was recently translated into Japanese.

In later years he selected his students carefully. "I don't ask to see technique," he said. "That is something you can develop. I am interested in score-reading and in their literary background, languages, broad things. I don't believe you can conduct without knowing languages and without having read widely." His own conducting technique was greatly admired and he became noted for his ability to subdivide his beat without dragging the pulse during performances.

Max Rudolf remained a Philadelphian for the rest of his life, occupying an apartment from which he could see the Academy of Music. He is survived by his wife and their two children.

FRANK COSTIN

Frank Costin, aviation and racing car designer, died on February 5 aged 74. He was born on June 8, 1920.



WHEN in the early 1950s the late Colin Chapman, the head of the Lotus Car Company, was anxious to obtain more pace from his current racing car designs by using properly contrived aerodynamic bodywork, he called in Frank Costin, who at the time was employed as an aerodynamist at the De Havilland Aeroplane Company at Hatfield. Costin duly set about designing the body shell for the Mark VIII Lotus which in 1954 established new performance levels in motor sport and established Costin's reputation among his peers.

He was a man who loved challenges of this sort. Later, when Colin Chapman engineered a new chassis for Tony Vandervell's Vanwall racing cars, the bulbous but low-drag body was again the work of Frank Costin and it immediately gave Stirling Moss a vehicle with which Moss was able to win at Silverstone in 1956.

That was the beginning of the elongated nose and high-sided cockpit of the grand prix racing cars of those days, a case of trading frontal area against drag coefficient. It worked well for Vanwall and British motor racing prestige in races at Pescara and Monza, where speeds were relatively high.

Costin was ahead of his time in his ability to put aerodynamic theories into practice and his work was quickly noticed elsewhere in the world of motor sport. The result was that he became responsible for the bodywork of many other specialist motor manufacturers including Lister and TMC.

After a chance meeting with Jem Marsh, Frank Costin combined with Marsh in the construction of the Marcos road-going sports cars, using wood as the main material, bonded with materials used by De Havilland in the building of the racing Comet monoplanes.

Frank Costin was the son of an Army officer who later participated in the exploration of the Amazon and developed an innovative paint process. He grew up in west London where he displayed some prowess both as an athlete and as a singer but turned to aeroengineering for a career.

He joined the General Aircraft Company at Hanworth, Middlesex, as a fitter and junior draughtsman when he was 18. Three years later he moved to Portsmouth to join Airspeed, where he helped to design the Horsa military glider. Later he worked for the Supermarine, Percival and Folland companies until 1949 when he returned to Airspeed as an aerodynamic flight test engineer and helped to design the Ambassador airliner.

In 1953 he moved to De Havilland to help to organise flight test programmes for the Vampire and Venom jet fighters and it was while he was there that Colin Chapman persuaded him to put his aerodynamic expertise to work on motor racing cars. Costin's brother Michael was already employed by Lotus.

The success for Vanwall resulted in Costin being retained as a consultant to Vandervell Products, where he devised a fully streamlined car body with partial enclosure of the road wheels for a Vanwall racing car destined for the high-speed Rheims Grand Prix.

Costin never abandoned his interest in aviation and, when in his seventies, completed the design of an ultralight glider and made the first flight in it himself.

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Lord Roberts sees the danger that may lurk in ambiguous words. He is careful to make it clear that for him the southern Republic has ceased to be. In reporting the flight of Mr. Steyn from the Presidency on Monday evening he refers to that ambitious politician as the "late President of the Orange Free State." The phrase is deliberately chosen, for it is repeated in describing Mr. Fraser as a "member of the late Executive Government" and, again, in regard to the Secretary to "the late Government" . . .

The despatch makes no mention of any opposition to our entry. The announcement made at Pretoria, about the time the British flag was being quietly hoisted over Mr. Steyn's late official residence, that the Federals were contesting the way mile by mile "fighting with excellent results and inflicting tremendous damage" on our troops appears to have been imaginative. "The enemy," Lord Roberts observes, "have withdrawn." "The inhabitants," as distinguished from the enemy, "gave the troops a cordial welcome."

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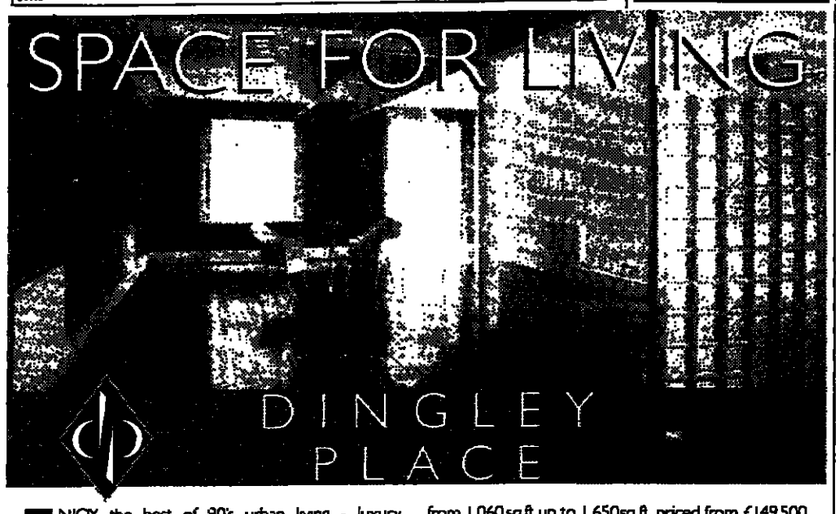
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Lutyens comes back in style

One of the oddest questions ever put to the Royal Institute of British Architects came from an author writing a sequel to Kenneth Grahame's *The Wind in the Willows* who asked: "What would Toad have to pay Lutyens to design a new country house?"

For the record, the answer was 5 per cent of the building costs. And how apt an architect Lutyens would be for Toad, with his smart, checked waistcoat, bright, shiny motorcar, and liking for being à la mode.

Grahame wrote his children's fantasy in 1908, when Sir Edwin Landseer Lutyens was in his prime, aged 39. He had, by then, designed Lindisfarne Castle, Northumberland, and was about to be commissioned to design the even grander Castle Drogo, Devon, both of which now belong to the National Trust. But before his death in 1944 he had become well known for his country houses.

> 'He always gave his buildings an instant aged look'

Fifty years on, today's builders are looking towards Lutyens. Several developers are suddenly being inspired by the English architect and his colleagues from the Arts and Crafts Movement. While many builders have harked back to Victorian, Regency or Georgian ideas, this is a trend so new that the ink has barely dried on the Lutyensesque drawings.

Charles Church, of Camberley, Surrey, for example, has commissioned work on 14 such houses at Longwater Green, Finchampstead, Berkshire, and Crosby Homes, of Altrincham, Cheshire, has five sites where large detached houses, inspired by Lutyens, are being built. Berkeley Homes has recently started work on 160 houses at Woodcote Park, Loughton, Essex, with styles derived from Lutyens, the Arts and Crafts Movement and garden suburb architecture.

A new book on the Arts and Crafts Movement, by Peter Davey, is due for publication by Phaidon in May, and an exhibition of architectural drawings by Lutyens opens at the Royal Institute of British Architects' Heinz Gallery, Portman Square, central London, on April 27.

Margaret Richardson, of the Sir John Soane's Museum, Lincoln's Inn Fields, central London, who is organising the exhibition and has written an accompanying book, admires Lutyens's ability to design a house that is beautiful from all sides.

"Each house was specifically designed for its plot," she says. "Lutyens gave buildings an instant aged look because the garden could be built at the same time as the house, typically with a secret garden, usually designed by his partner Gertrude Jekyll. He used second-hand bricks and tiles and lime-washed oak to age it.

"He always used the best quality materials, and these were expensive houses which became status symbols. He loved creating little features for children, like a window so that children could peek into a hallway. He thought nurseries should be L-shaped so that children could hide from nanny, and on the façade of a building he might put a window for an owl, high in a gable."

But Mrs Richardson dislikes modern housebuilding efforts. "I think that what is being produced is a pastiche. It is sad they will get planning permission. Lutyens probably would not get planning permission today. He was an extraordinary architect who took care with detail and was interested in the local planning of houses. I would like to see housebuilders being more imaginative."

Housebuyers seem to disagree. Crosby Homes has had encouraging interest in its new designs and has already sold one, at Bramhall, Stockport, Cheshire, which was advertised for £365,000. A similar house is now being built in the village, and two more substantial houses are going up at The Somerfords, Hale, Cheshire, priced at about £500,000.

Stephen Price, Crosby's senior planner, says: "Lutyens is a favourite of mine, and because of the scale of our properties, we can reflect features that Lutyens used in his architecture: big windows and roof detail, with gables and heavy eaves.

"Other Lutyens touches are the tall chimneys twisted at 45 degrees to the house, large feature bays, and semi-circular arches above the entrance door. It is early days, but this is an evolving style that we are continuing to use where appropriate."

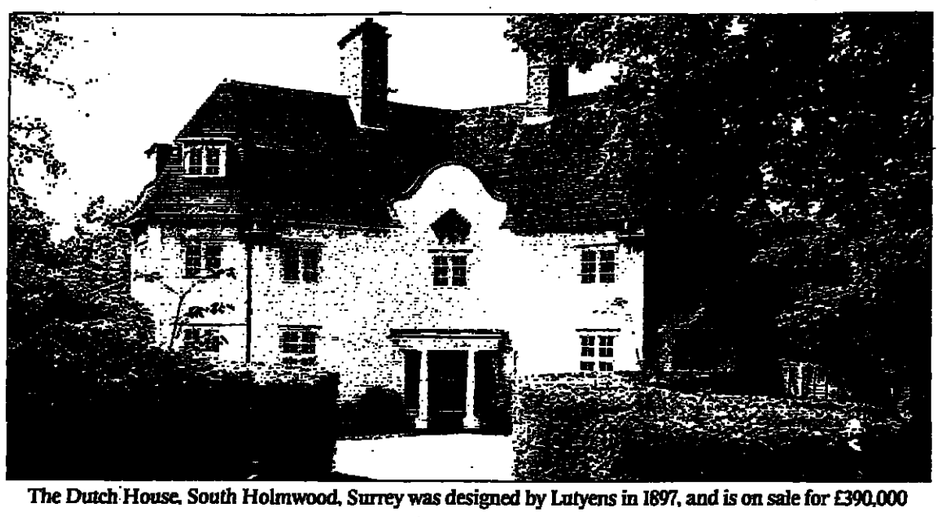
Berkeley Homes is selling 14 houses, which have some Lutyens-style touches, at Great Woodcote Park, Loughton, Essex, for £140,000 to £420,000; nine have been reserved since the January launch.

Charles Church has yet to start sales at its Longwater Green, Finchampstead, development, where prices start at £325,000. Peter Hamilton, chief of design, says: "In these houses, we are trying to emulate the Arts and Crafts Movement, with large expanses of roof, detailed chimneys, large areas of window broken up by timber detailing and leaded light work, as well as decorative eaves and gables."

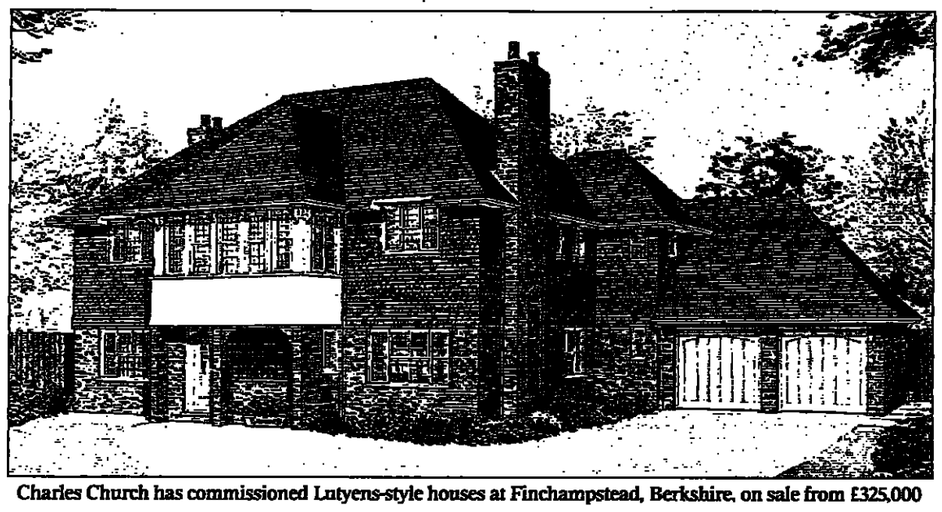
For those who prefer the real thing, there are original Lutyens-designed homes on the market, including The Dutch House at South Holmwood, near Dorking, Surrey, for sale through London agent John D. Wood's Mayfair office at £390,000. This six-bedroomed house is "Y" shaped and pure Lutyens, with arched brick fireplaces in its three reception rooms. At Woking, Surrey, estate agent Curchods is advertising a three-bedroomed portion of Fishers Hill House, designed by Lutyens in 1901, at £180,000.

Alternatively, why not build a "new" Lutyens? Some of the sketches at the Heinz exhibition are of projects not yet built, many of which have not been on view before. Mrs Richardson already knows of a boathouse built from unused Lutyens drawings.

● Sketches by Edwin Lutyens, *published by Academy Editions, £19.95.*



The Dutch House, South Holmwood, Surrey was designed by Lutyens in 1897, and is on sale for £390,000



Charles Church has commissioned Lutyens-style houses at Finchampstead, Berkshire, on sale from £325,000

Don't suffer in silence

Susan Harris on compensation for new road and rail schemes

Homeowners whose lives are blighted by new road and rail schemes could be missing out on compensation. While this is usually paid for land that is compulsorily purchased for these schemes, those who live close to proposed new routes are often unaware that they can receive money for "hardship" and "diminution in property value".

The property surveyor *Dreweatt Neate says its* agricultural division at Donington Priory, Newbury, Berkshire, has acted for many claimants who, although not losing any of their land, will still suffer significantly from a major highway scheme.

The firm advises property owners first to hire a surveyor whose fees are paid only if the claim is successful. Not many surveyors will take on a case that has little or no chance of success.

Then, if the claim is to be based on an increase in noise, owners should hire professional firms to take proper acoustic readings of the environment — for example, birdsong, traffic, trains, aeroplanes. Readings should be made before the scheme gets under way and then after the works are finished. The Department of Transport takes its own readings along the proposed route, from which it works out which owners qualify for compensation for secondary glazing, and so on.

"There is a cut-off point for compensation based on the number of decibels," says Rhodri Thomas, formerly with Dreweatt Neate. "At the end of the day, it is your readings against the district valuer's."

Mr Thomas also advises prospective claimants to keep a diary of events — especially, for example, when bulldozers or other plant and machinery are in action — and to log any blocked access to fields, paths, and so on, especially in the case of farmers. "But it is difficult to put a price on people's hardship," he says.

The most common claims are for falls in value and hardship due to the use of plant machinery, building disturbance, dust, vibrations and additional fumes.

Alan Conning of Andrews and Robertson, whose Camberwell office is close to the proposed Channel Tunnel fast-link rail route, has received many inquiries from action groups about such hardship claims due to increased usage of the existing and updated rail track. Because the tracks have been modified, there are now specific grounds for claims for "diminution in value" of property.

More recently, Andrews and Robertson has been consulted about modified rail track in southeast London. Some houses in Croxted Road on the edge of the Dulwich College estate are now only ten feet from the track and suffer from increased vibration as a result.

Mr Conning also recently acted for the owner of a fish and chip shop who lost his forecourt, had to alter the step into the shop and suffered increased noise as a result of a road being widened. But the increased decibel level measured after the works were completed was not high enough to warrant any compensation, either for the reduced value of his property or for essential soundproofing. The owner did, however, receive a small sum for the loss of his forecourt and his surveyor's fees were paid in full.

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London takes European lead

Investors expect brighter returns from office developments in the capital than in cities on the Continent, **Christopher Warman** says

The London office market is leading markets across Europe back into growth after the long years of recession, according to a flurry of reports from international property advisers.

Their publication coincides with the international property market Mipim '95, which took place at the weekend in an atmosphere of optimism about the recovery of the property market, marked by growing interest from overseas investors in re-entering the field.

Knight Frank & Rutley, in its biannual European property report, says that City of London offices look *set to outperform all other key* European business centres. Stephen Palmer, KFR's investment analyst, comments that rental values have stabilised in most centres, and "the fortunes of Europe's office markets are expected to improve".

More rapid economic growth across Europe has yet to be reflected fully in occupational demand, and most centres remain oversupplied. "Tenant demand has been focused on large, modern premises in the prime business districts, and selective shortages of such premises are appearing, notably in Madrid, Paris and most key business centres in the UK."

Stephen Palmer says that in the context of limited speculative development activity, prospects for prime rental value growth look strong. "Real rental growth has returned in central London and Hamburg. It will not be long before other centres follow."



Avenida de Europa 1, in north Madrid, which has state-of-the-art office space of 24,000 sq metres

As a result, office property is becoming more attractive to investors. However, a two-tier market prevails in many centres. Modern, well-let properties continue to attract investors' attention. In contrast, secondary property, particularly over-rented buildings and property without a secure income, is attracting very little interest.

Paris demonstrates the contrasting fortunes of different office sectors. The market for properties of *less than about 50,000 sq ft remains* severely depressed because of chronic oversupply. For example, prospective tenants looking for about 5,000 sq ft in a good location are faced with more than 700 possible buildings. But at the other end of the scale, there are now few well-located buildings of more than 100,000 sq ft.

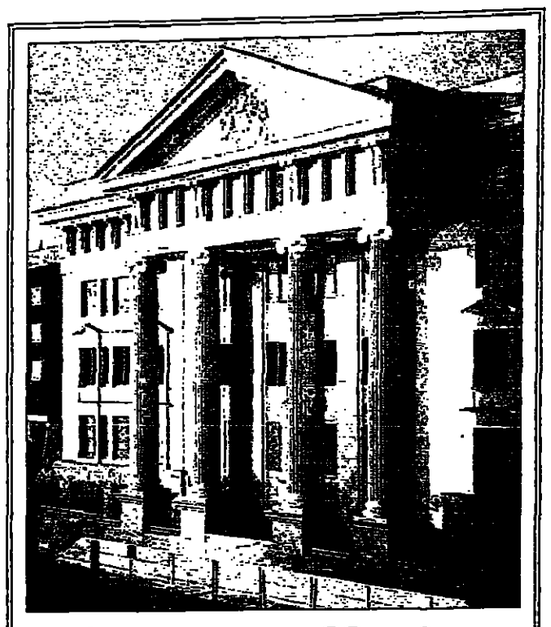
Looking ahead, Palmer says that central London is expected to show the strongest investment performance in Europe in 1995, but other centres, such as Madrid and Munich, are forecast to show investors a positive total return for the first time in three years.

A report from DTZ Debenham Thorpe on the European commercial property market notes the trend of a resurgence of economic activity and concludes that the outlook for 1995 is for continuing growth.

Derek Butler, managing director of DTZ Debenham Thrope International, says: "There are three clear trends emerging in the European real-estate market: one, growing signs of economic recovery; two, increasing cross-border activity by occupiers, especially retailers; and three, a widening interest among foreign investors. These trends augur well for improving performance in a number of *European markets.*"

Grimley, in a report on the economy and the property market, acknowledges that with substantial economic improvement in 1994 and 1995 prospects for the European market look brighter. "But if the UK's experience is a barometer for the rest of Europe the improvement will be modest, and it will lag behind overall economic improvement."

Further evidence of the increasing concentration on matters European demonstrated by these reports came from the Mipim exhibition at Cannes: Ernst & Young announced a pan-European study of operational property management.



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Public interest grounds necessary

Regina v Cambridge District Health Authority, Ex parte B
Before Mr Justice Laws
[Judgment March 10]

Where a public body enjoyed a discretion whose exercise might infringe such rights as the right to life, it was not to be permitted to perpetrate any such infringement unless it could show substantial objective justification on public interest grounds.

Mr Justice Laws so held in the Queen's Bench Division when allowing an application by B, by her father as next friend, for certiorari against the Cambridge District Health Authority which decided on February 22 to refuse to allocate public funds for further medical treatment of B, a girl aged ten. An application for an order of *mandamus* was refused.

In January 1995 B, a girl aged 10, suffered a relapse of acute myeloid leukaemia. She had previously undergone two courses of chemotherapy and a bone marrow transplant, and the doctors who had treated her considered a third course of chemotherapy followed by a second transplant would not be in her best interests. B's father, however, found a doctor who was willing to offer further chemotherapy and, if that proved successful, a further transplant. As a bed was unavailable in the NHS the treatment would have had to be carried out privately.

The chances of a complete remission following chemotherapy were put at 10 to 20 per cent, at a cost of £15,000, while those for the transplant, costing £60,000, were put in the same region.

Mr Bruce McIntyre for B; Mr Nigel Pitt for the authority.

MR JUSTICE LAWS said that it was not the court's function to make medical judgments as not only did it not have the competence to do so but it did not generally redecide the merits of administrative decisions since to do so would usurp the role of the decision-maker. The court had to make such findings of fact as were necessary to enable it to determine whether there had been an error of law in the decision-making process.

In his Lordship's judgment, looking at the whole of the evidence there was a small but significant prospect of overall success for B. If the funds were made available for the treatment to be carried out she would enjoy a worthwhile chance of life. It might be very modest but to anyone confronting the prospect of extinction such a chance of longer survival had to be unimaginably precious.

It was common ground that the respondents had a discretion as to how to fulfil their statutory duties to provide medical services to B. Counsel agreed that such discretion was circumscribed by the *Wednesbury* rule of reasonableness ([1948] 1 KB 223).

From the outset, however, his Lordship entertained the greatest doubt whether the decisive touchstone for the legality of the respondents' decision was the crude *Wednesbury* bludgeon. The fundamental right to life was engaged in the present case.

His Lordship considered the dicta of Lord Bridge of Harwich in *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Bugdaycay* ([1987] AC 514, 531) and *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Brind* ([1991] 1 AC 696, 748-749).

The dictum in the former could not be read as demonstrating the establishment of some new ground for intervention by way of judicial review but it pointed the way to a developing feature of domestic jurisprudence relating to fundamental rights which should be regarded as having a secure home in the common law.

That principle was that certain rights, broadly those occupying a central place in the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms 1953 (Cmnd No 8969) and obviously including the right to life, were not to be perceived merely as moral or political aspirations nor as enjoying a legal status only upon the international plane of Britain's convention obligations.

Rather they were to be vindicated as sharing with other principles the substance of English common law. That reasoning did not promote the incorporation of the European Convention into English law but it could be deployed by judges not as a statutory text but as persuasive legal authority to resolve outstanding uncertainties in common law.

The first two questions his Lordship had to decide were whether the respondents had taken a decision which interfered with the applicant's right to life and, if they had, whether they had offered a substantial public interest justification for doing so.

The respondents contended that they had done no positive act to violate the applicant's right to life; all they had done was to arrive at a decision about the use of public funds. His Lordship did not consider that in relation to the putative infringement of a fundamental right there was, as regarded the obligations of a public body, a difference in principle between act and omission. In public law cases the decision-maker was answerable to the court whether the decision was in negative or affirmative form.

The decision in the present case, to the knowledge of the decision-maker, materially affected the applicant's chances of life and his Lordship held that the applicant's right to life was assaulted by it. Accordingly the decision could only be justified on substantial public interest grounds.

The first of the reasons put forward for the decision was that the proposed treatment would not be in B's best interests because, inter alia, of the suffering involved.

In his Lordship's view, the expertise of the doctors was rightly deployed in relation to two questions: (i) what chances of success might be expected from the treatment and (ii) what were the objective disadvantages of the treatment? There was a third question upon which the doctors did not possess an authoritative voice: given proper advice as to the first two issues was it in the best interests of the patient to undergo treatment or decline it?

That was a personal question which the patient, if he was of full age and capacity, would decide in light of medical advice. A child aged 10 could not for herself make an informed decision but it should be for her parents to take that decision for her.

It was plain that the careful consideration of the case by the doctor making the decision as to funding took into account only medical opinions put before him; he had had no regard to the father's views as to B's best interests; he supposed wrongly that the child's best interests engaged only a medical question.

In those circumstances the first reason put forward for the respondent's decision could not amount to a substantial justification of depriving B of her chance to life. In his Lordship's judgment, however, the conclusion did not depend only on the jurisprudence concerning fundamental rights. The ordinary *Wednesbury* principle produced the result that the respondents had failed to have regard to a relevant consideration, namely B's family's views.

The respondents' second justification for their decision was that funding the treatment would be an ineffective use of resources because, inter alia, the referral budget was finite and the needs of other present and future patients had to be borne in mind.

His Lordship said that merely to point to the fact that resources were finite told one nothing about the wisdom or the legality of a decision. There was no evidence before the court as to the respondents' budget. His Lordship accepted, as *In re J (Minor) (Child in care: Medical treatment)* ([1992] 3 WLR 507) enjoined, that the court should not make orders with consequences for the use of health service funds in ignorance of the knock-on effect on other patients.

Where, however, the question was whether the life of a girl aged 10 might be saved by however slim a chance the responsible authority had to do more than toll the bell of tight resources. They had to explain the priorities that had led them to decline to fund the treatment. They had not adequately done so here.

The respondents failed upon the conventional *Wednesbury* principle to have regard to a material factor and his Lordship also inclined to accept the submission by B that the decision failed to pay any attention to an important feature of the funding namely that by the very definition of B's problem the respondents could only be asked in the first place to provide £15,000 required for the proposed chemotherapy.

For the reasons set out, the respondents' decision not to advance funds for B's treatment had to be quashed. An order for *mandamus* would only be appropriate if it were demonstrated that the respondents' only lawful course of action was to fund the treatment: his Lordship was not persuaded that that was so.

If the respondents now carried out their task properly, his Lordship could not say that they were bound to fund the treatment. The right course was to issue an order of certiorari to quash the respondents' decision and the decision had to be re-taken in the light of his Lordship's judgment.

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard for Kerseys, Ipswich; Mills & Reeve, Cambridge.

Court judges lawfulness of decision

Regina v Cambridge District Health Authority, Ex parte B
Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Sir Stephen Brown, President and Lord Justice Simon Brown
[Judgment March 10]

A decision by a health authority not to fund specific treatment for a child suffering from a life-threatening illness on the grounds that the proposed treatment, described as experimental, would not be in the child's best interests and that the expenditure would not be an effective use of its limited resources, was not unlawful. Accordingly the court could not intervene by way of judicial review.

The Court of Appeal so held when granting leave to appeal and allowing the appeal by Cambridge District Health Authority from Mr Justice Laws (*The Times* March 15) who, on application of B, a girl aged 10, by her father acting as her next friend, had quashed the authority's decision not to fund any further treatment for her by way of chemotherapy and a second bone marrow transplant and had required the authority to reconsider its decision.

The judge had refused B's application for an order of *mandamus* to direct the authority to fund such treatment and had refused both parties leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal. B's application for leave to cross-appeal was dismissed by the Court of Appeal.

B had contracted non-Hodgkins lymphoma with common acute lymphoblastic leukaemia at the age of five. Despite initially successful treatment in 1993 she developed acute myeloid leukaemia.

After further chemotherapy and an allogenic bone marrow transplant the disease went into remission but a relapse occurred in January 1995. Doctors who had treated her gave her six to eight weeks to live and said that they could not treat her further.

Her father applied to the authority for funding for such treatment and obtained other medical opinion to the effect that such treatment could be undertaken, as a two-stage process, with the chances of complete remission following further chemotherapy, estimated at 10 to 20 per cent and at a cost of £15,000, and with the same estimated chances at a costs of £60,000 applying to a second transplant, which would be performed if stage one were completed successfully.

The authority, exercising its responsibility for commissioning health services and for deciding whether to fund referrals to provider units with which it did not have contracts, expressed itself to have taken into account the advice and directions of the Department of Health with regard to the funding of treatments which had not been proven to be of benefit, and declined the father's application.

Mr Nigel Pitt for the authority; Mr Bruce McIntyre for B.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, after referring in detail to the facts and the affidavit material, said that the case involved the life of a young patient: that dominated all considerations of all aspects of the matter.

Our society was one which put a very high value on human life so that a decision affecting a human life was of the utmost seriousness.

Courts were not arbiters as to the merits of cases of the present kind. Were they to express opinions of the likelihood of the effectiveness of treatment or the merits of medical judgments they would be straying far from their own sphere.

They had one function: to rule on the lawfulness of the decision, and they had to confine themselves strictly to that.

His Lordship considered the four specific criticisms made by the judge of the authority's decision:

1 That the relevant director of the authority, as the decision-maker, had wrongly failed to have regard to the patient's wishes as expressed by her family and especially by her father.

Nowhere did one see expressed in the factors leading to the decision consideration of those wishes. The judge had said that they had not been taken into consideration and that the decision was therefore flawed.

His Lordship differed. The judge's criticism failed to recognise the realities of the situation. When the matter was first presented to the authority it was on B's behalf as a case calling for the authority's cooperation and funding.

The director was as vividly aware as he possibly could be that the family were urgently wishing the authority to procure funding for the treatment. It was an inescapable fact that he was under considerable pressure, perfectly legitimately but obviously, by the family, and thus referred to his policy of not speaking to or corresponding directly with patients or their families about extra-contractual referrals.

He responded to the pressure and therefore found the decision so agonising. To complain that he did not in terms have regard to the family's wishes was to shut one's eyes to the reality of the situation confronting him.

2 That the director had wrongly used the word "experimental" to describe the proposed treatment. Both the judge and Mr McIntyre had said that that was neither fair nor accurate given the estimates of success and the opinion of the doctor prepared to undertake it.

However, the treatment did not have a well tried track record of success. It was at the frontier of medical science. It did not carry weight to describe that decision as flawed by the use of that word.

3 That the decision could not be justified on the basis that funding the treatment would be an ineffective use of limited resources.

His Lordship referred to the judge's criticism that, beyond the statement that resources were not limitless, there was no evidence about the authority's budget, save only such as consisted in "grave and well rounded generalities," and that in a case such as the present it was required, but had failed adequately, to explain the priorities that had led it to decline to fund the treatment.

His Lordship had no doubt that in a perfect world any treatment sought would be provided no matter how much it cost when a life was potentially at stake. But it would be shunning our eyes to the real world if the court were to proceed on the basis that we lived in such a world.

It was common knowledge that health authorities were pressed to make ends meet; that they could not provide the payment for nurses, the treatment, the equipment, the research or the buildings that they would like.

Difficult and agonising judgments had to be made as to how a limited budget could best be allocated for the maximum advantage of the maximum number of patients. That was not a judgment for the court.

His Lordship rejected Mr McIntyre's submissions in support of the judge's criticism that the lack of evidence made it impossible to know whether the authority's decision was unreasonable or unlawful as being in breach of its statutory duty.

No real evidence was needed to satisfy the court that the authority did not have unlimited resources to purchase and provide all that was needed.

It was totally unrealistic to require the authority to come to court with its accounts to demonstrate that payment for patient B would mean that patient C would have to go without treatment. No authority could proceed in that way.

4 That the authority wrongly treated the sum required as £75,000, when the first tranche was £15,000 and a two, not one, stage process was involved. His Lordship disagreed.

Of course it was true that if the first stage was unsuccessful then £15,000 was the maximum sum involved. But it would not be reasonable for the authority to embark on expenditure on that basis. Obviously if stage one were successful, the process would have to go on.

The inescapable decision was whether to embark on the process at all. Having weighed up all the factors and taken advice the authority thought it was not right to do so.

His Lordship concluded, with regret, that it was impossible to fault that process of thinking. He would allow the appeal.

THE PRESIDENT, agreeing, said that the authority had not exceeded its powers or acted unreasonably in the legal sense of the word. The powers of the Court of Appeal were not such that it could substitute its own decision for that of the authority making it.

Lord Justice Simon Brown agreed with both judgments.

Solicitors: Mills & Reeve, Cambridge; Sharpe Pritchard, for Kerseys, Ipswich.

Corrections

In *R v Black* (*The Times* March 1) any inference that the previous convictions in 1963 and 1968 had been introduced by the prosecution for a ruling on admissibility would be wrong. The behaviour there described was part of the court's reasoning.

In *Petromin v Secnav Marine Ltd* (*The Times* March 9) Mr Martin Ward appeared with Mr Bitu Bhalla for Secnav.

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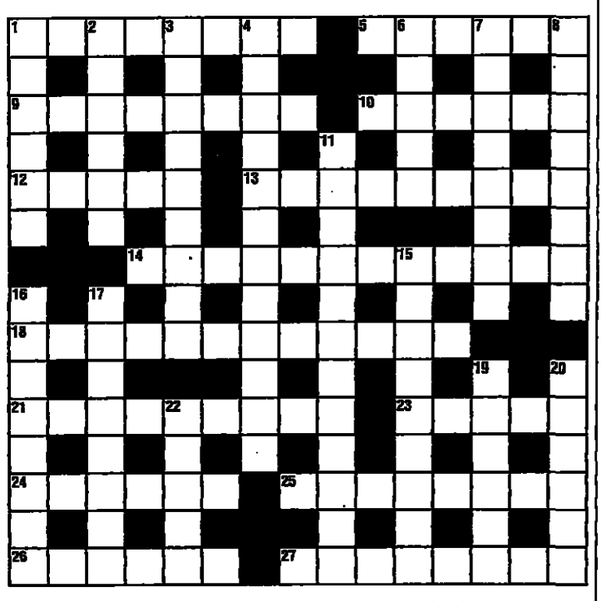
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10 Later, to cloud up after a sunny start (6).
12 Upper expedition (5).
13 Making way through crowd for the "Unfinished" performance (9).
14 Run danger met by positioning slip, for example (12).
18 People do not live in this state (3-9).
21 Second mowing ordered at the farm (9).
23 This eastern dish takes time, one concludes (5).
24 One good at batting has to watch -cover! (6).
25 PC's radio switched off and on (8).
26 Badger comes back eating a perennial herb (6).
27 Sort to confront Roman, perhaps (4-4).

DOWN

1 Church leaders miss out in such a division (6).
2 Butterflies trapped in inner vestibule (6).
3 Characteristic of the rash, with no initial redness in face or lip? (9).
4 Academic topic, healthy alternative (12).
6 Everybody visits boat-centre here on the Forth estuary (5).
7 Tie wrinkles in such knots (8).
8 Appropriate that spa does not open (8).
11 Not wanting a shooting-brake to cramp one's style? (7-5).
15 Stock heroin for a runner? (9).
16 Naturally there is accommodation at cathedral city (8).
17 King can rise and put on sweaters etc. (8).
19 A road maniac overturns where there are permanent sheets of ice (6).
20 Ring for theatre seats (6).
22 Old money one may charge in Africa? (5)

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Solution to Puzzle No 19,802

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Finningley, South Yorkshire, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Weybourne, Norfolk, 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, Highland, 0.4in; highest sunshine: Plymouth, Devon, 10.9hr.

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** central and eastern England should start mainly dry and bright. However, showers in the west will spread east in the morning, some heavy with hail and sleet, and snow on the hills. In the evening many central and eastern areas should become dry. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a mixture of bright intervals and heavy showers. Snow is expected on higher ground, with blizzards on the Scottish mountains. It will be rather cold generally and quite windy.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Central N England, NE England:** bright start, heavy showers developing, hail and sleet at times, drier and clearer in the evening. Winds westerly moderate. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England:** bright or clear intervals and increasingly wintry showers. Winds westerly fresh. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** bright or clear intervals and heavy wintry showers. Snow and blizzards on high ground. Winds, fresh locally strong westerly, moderating later. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** bright start, wintry showers developing, dry in evening. Winds southwesterly moderate, locally fresh. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** clear intervals and heavy wintry showers. Winds southerly moderate. Max 5C (41F).

☐ **Outlook:** southern England and South Wales will be rather cloudy with rain at times. Northern England and North Wales, with Scotland and Northern Ireland, will be cold and windy with wintry showers.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	7.9	-	14	57	s	London	0.2	-	8	46	fg
Anglesey	-	-	10	50	c	Lowestoft	-	-	6	43	fg
Aspatria	0.7	-	12	54	c	Manchester	4.1	-	14	57	s
Aviemore	1.5	-	11	52	c	Margate	-	-	8	46	du
Belfast	0.3	-	11	52	c	Minehead	10.2	-	12	54	s
Birmingham	9.2	-	13	55	s	Morecambe	-	-	10	50	du
Bognor R	1.4	-	8	46	c	Newcastle	0.5	-	14	57	c
Bournem'th	10.1	-	12	54	s	Newquay	9.6	-	10	50	s
Bristol	10.3	-	14	57	s	Norwich	0.6	-	7	45	fg
Buxton	9.8	-	12	54	s	Nottingham	X				
Cardiff	10.4	-	11	52	s	Oxford	10.3	-	13	55	s
Clacton	-	-	7	45	c	Penzance	9.1	-	14	57	s
Cromer	0.2	-	5	41	fg	Plymouth	10.9	-	12	54	s
Doncaster	9.4	-	15	59	s	Poole	9.7	-	14	57	s
Dunbar	X					Prestatyn	X	-	12	54	s
Eastbourne	0.5	0.05	9	48	fg	Ross-o-wye	9.3	-	14	57	s
Edinburgh	1.5	-	15	59	c	Ryde	X				
Eskdalemuir	1.0	0.02	8	46	d	Salcombe	X				
Exmouth	10.2	-	13	55	s	Sandown	X				
Falmouth	X		12	54	b	Saunton Snd	10.4	-	12	54	s
Fishguard	9.2	-	9	48	s	Scarboro'	10.5	-	13	55	s
Folkestone	5.4	-	9	48	b	Scilly Isles	9.4	-	12	54	s
Glasgow	0.1	-	11	52	c	Shanklin	X				
Guernsey	3.8	-	11	52	s	Shrewsbury	9.6	-	14	57	s
Hastings	0.7	-	9	48	c	Skegness	X				
Hayling I.	9.8	-	9	48	s	Southend	3.2	-	9	48	b
Herne Bay	0.3	-	7	45	du	Southport	0.8	-	13	55	c
Hove	0.7	-	8	46	c	Southsea	9.8	-	8	46	s
Hunstanton	1.2	-	5	41	fg	Stornoway	-	0.05	9	48	d
Ilfracombe	X					Swanage	9.4	-	12	54	s
Isle of Man	0.2	-	10	50	c	Teignmouth	10.6	-	13	55	s
Jersey	-	-	9	48	du	Tenby	9.7	-	10	50	s
Kinloss	1.7	-	13	55	c	Tiree	0.4	0.01	11	52	d
Leeds	8.6	-	14	57	s	Torquay	10.8	-	14	57	s
Lerwick	1.3	-	10	50	c	Tynemouth	1.5	-	13	55	c
Leuchars	1.9	-	15	59	c	Ventnor	8.5	-	9	48	s
Littlehmptn	0.8	-	8	46	c	Weymouth	10.5	-	13	55	s
Liverpool	1.4	-	13	55	b						

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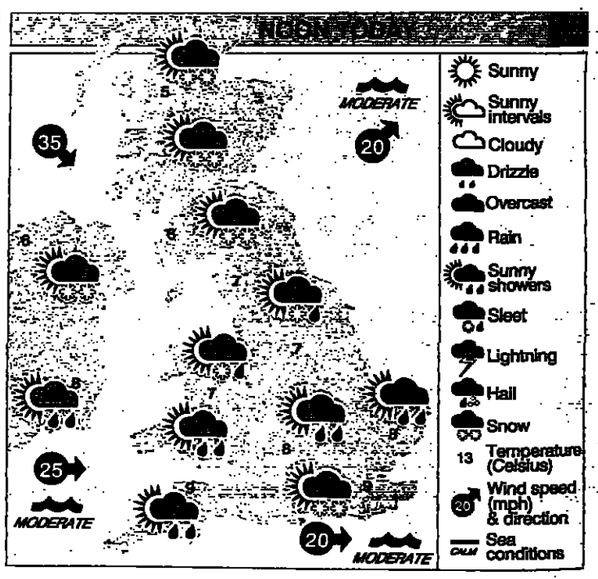
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Ajaccio	13	55	s	C'phagn	-2	28	f	Madrid	16	61	s
Akrotiri	16	61	f	Corfu	12	54	r	Majorca	14	57	f
Alex'dria	23	73	f	Dublin	7	45	f	Malaga	18	64	s
Algiers	15	59	c	Dubrovnik	10	50	r	Malta	16	61	f
Amst'dm	6	43	s	Faro	19	66	s	Melb'rne	19	66	c
Athens	10	50	c	Florence	9	48	f	Mexico C	21	70	s
Bahrain	20	68	f	Frankfurt	4	39	c	Miami	24	75	f
Bangkok	33	91	s	Funchal	17	63	c	Milan	11	52	s
Barbados	25	77	r	Geneva	7	45	c	Montreal	8	46	s
Barcelona	14	57	s	Gibraltar	17	63	s	Moscow	-2	28	s
Beirut	17	63	f	Helsinki	-1	30	s	Munich	3	37	sn
Belgrade	1	34	f	Hong K	17	63	f	Naples	13	55	f
Berlin	-3	27	c	Innsbrck	7	45	f	N Delhi	25	77	s
Bermuda	18	64	f	Istanbul	6	43	r	N York	17	63	s
Biarritz	12	54	c	Jeddah	29	84	s	Nice	13	55	s
Bordx	14	57	s	Jo'burg	22	72	c	Oslo	1	34	c
Brussels	9	48	s	Karachi	31	88	f	Paris	8	46	s
Budapst	3	37	f	L Palmas	17	63	c	Peking	14	57	c
B Aires	25	77	c	Le Tquet	6	41	f	Perth	35	95	s
Cairo	30	86	s	Lisbon	17	63	s	Prague	-5	23	sn
Cape Tn	29	84	s	Locarno	12	54	s	Reykjavik	-3	27	s
Chicago	20	68	f	L Angels	18	64	s	Rhodes	16	61	f
Ch'church	17	63	f	Luxembg	6	43	f	Rio de J	25	77	f
Cologne	5	41	c	Luxor	31	88	s	Riyadh	22	72	s

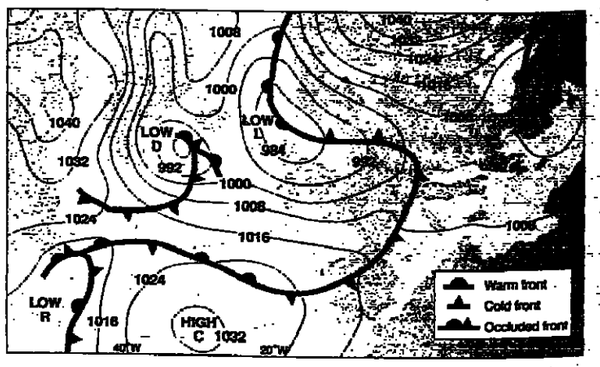
Rome	11	52	f	Tangier	19	66	s	Vancvr	8	46	c
Salzburg	3	37	c	Tenerife	20	68	c	Venice	10	50	s
S F'isco	14	57	s	Tokyo	12	54	c	Vienna	2	36	c
Santiago	32	72	s	Toronto	2	36	s	Warsaw	-2	28	f
S Paulo	17	63	r	Tunis	16	61	f	Wash'ton	18	64	s
Seoul	11	52	f	Valencia	16	61	s	Wel'ngton	17	63	s
St'kholm	-1	30	c	Strasb'rg	7	45	f	Zurich	7	45	s
Sydney	24	75	s								

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to chart below from noon: low D pushes E and deepens; low L moves slowly E, little change; low R moves N, little change; high C is slow-moving



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	0:15	6.29	0:43	6.55	Leith	1:17	4.99	1:37	5.18
Aberdeen	0:17	3.94	0:24	4.10	Liverpool	10:07	8.87	10:29	8.93
Avonmouth	5:56	12.32	6.22	12.56	Lowestoft	8:41	2.35	8:34	2.42
Belfast	9:48	3.27	10:17	3.11	Margate	11:02	4.45	11:10	4.28
Cardiff	5:40	10.72	6:06	10.87	Milford Haven	4:59	6.41	5:21	6.52
Devonport	4:28	5.14	4:56	5.10	Newquay	3.52	6.14	4:12	6.29
Dover	9:51	6.06	10:10	6.31	Oban	4:40	3.63	5.10	3.68
Dublin	10:32	3.82	10:47	3.76	Penzance	3:32	5.08	3:52	5.11
Falmouth	3:44	4.74	4:07	4.73	Portland	5:27	1.81	6:02	1.81
Glasgow	11:33	4.38	–	–	Portsmouth	10:07	4.35	10:35	4.57
Harwich	10:45	3.66	11:01	3.70	Shoreham	9:54	5.79	10:20	6.01
Holyhead	9:10	5.25	9.31	5.24	Southampton	9:40	4.31	10:04	4.44
Hull	5:06	6.67	5:18	7.10	Swansea	5:09	8.80	5:33	8.97
Ilfracombe	4:45	8.43	5:09	8.68	Tees	2:23	4.83	2:36	5.02
King's Lynn	5:06	5.83	5:20	6.06	Wilton-on-Nze	10:32	3.86	10:46	3.98

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 6.16 am
Sun sets: 6.04 pm
Moon sets 5.09 am
Moon rises 4.35 pm

London 6.04 pm to 6.14 am
Bristol 6.14 pm to 6.23 am
Edinburgh 6.15 pm to 6.27 am
Manchester 6.12 pm to 6.23 am
Penzance 6.26 pm to 6.35 am

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Interest rate plea after sales dive

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

HIGH STREET sales slumped last month, the Confederation of British Industry said yesterday as it gave a warning against any new rise in interest rates that might damage consumer confidence still further.

The Government will today announce official retail sales figures, along with the latest unemployment and job statistics. City economists accept that consumer demand in the high street remains sluggish, but are forecasting a small rise in sales volumes in the official retail figures.

The CBI, of which Howard Davies is Director-General, yesterday published its latest distributive trends survey, which showed a fall in the volume of sales in the high street. The drop was the biggest cut since August 1992.

High street retailers had expected business to pick up considerably after January's CBI figures, which saw sales volumes broadly flat at a balance — those reporting a rise in sales set against those recording a decline — of 2 per cent of companies surveyed reporting a drop overall. But retailers' expectations that this figure would rise proved to be wide of the mark, with a balance of minus 11 per cent of retailers saying sales volumes fell in the year to February.

CBI leaders yesterday attempted to play down the gloomy figures, trying to insist that sales volumes "fell only slightly", and even that they were "neutral". However, at a press conference later, they admitted that the position in the high street was "not very encouraging".

Alastair Eperon, the new chairman of the CBI's distributive trades survey panel, said that the underlying three-month sales trend had been pointing to a slowing in annual sales growth, and as such the "latest" fall was not a surprise.

"The fact that the increase that had been expected in retail sales was not fulfilled last month is typical of the uneven trading conditions have experienced over the past year."

Many individual high street retailers have been experiencing great difficulties in recent months, with Rumbelows announcing the closure of its stores, Athena going into liquidation, and Rymans and Dillons being put up for sale.

CBI leaders maintained, however, that there was no need for an "apocalyptic" response, insisting that some high street sectors were still doing well, even though others were performing poorly.

The CBI's survey of 15,000 outlets in retailing, wholesaling and the motor trades showed the largest year-on-year increases in sales volumes were in chemists and confectioners, with furniture and carpet retailers showing a sharp drop in sales at the greatest rate of decline since the CBI began the survey in 1983. Grocers also saw sales volumes fall in February for the first time since the start of the CBI survey.

Retailers, which expect sales to continue falling this month, though at a lower rate overall, continued to cut jobs. But the growth in part-time work that has been a feature of the retail sector abruptly reversed in February, with a balance of minus 3 per cent reporting a fall.

Full-time employment in retailing has fallen continuously since May 1990, according to the CBI. Admitting that consumer confidence remained "fragile", the CBI said there was "no need" for any further rises in interest rates, which would hit that fragility still further.

In spite of the high street figures, overall distributive trades volumes continued to grow, though buoyed up by wholesalers' volumes, which rose at the strongest rate since September 1987. A balance of two thirds of wholesalers surveyed reported a rise in sales. CBI analysts suggested that sales were rising to public-sector buyers and those with strong export businesses.

Motor traders' sales fell again, though only slightly. Sales volumes throughout all three parts of the distributive trades totalled together rose, with a balance of 29 per cent of firms reporting an increase.

☐ **US retail sales:** Sales at American retail stores fell sharply in February, the first drop in ten months. Business weakened across the board from new cars to clothing, the Commerce Department said.

Total retail sales dropped a surprising 0.5 per cent to a seasonally adjusted $192.8 billion after a strongly revised 0.6 percent rise in January. Wall Street economists had forecast a 0.1 percent rise in sales last month instead of a decline.

Sales of new cars fell 1 per cent in February, a second straight monthly drop after a 0.2 per cent decline in January. It was the biggest monthly fall in new-car sales since an identical 1 per cent fall in July last year, the Commerce Department said.



Davies: sales fall



MARTIN BEDDALL

Transition time: Charles Scott, chief executive, with Wendy Smyth, finance director of Saatchi & Saatchi, yesterday

Saatchi puts off return to payouts

By Martin Waller

THE upset at the top of Saatchi & Saatchi, the worldwide advertising business, has forced the board to shelve the payment of any dividends for the appreciable future and abandon hopes to push vital margins closer to the levels eujoyed by competitors.

Under its planned recovery, Saatchi, whose shareholders will tomorrow vote on a change of name to Cordiant, had considered starting to pay a dividend again in respect of the 1994 financial year, whose results were announced yesterday. It had also hoped to raise operating margins to 10 per cent this year.

Instead Charles Scott, the chief executive, would not even comment on when dividends would recommence.

So far in 1995 revenues worth £30 million a year have been lost because of the departure of Charles and Maurice Saatchi, the two founding brothers, and other key staff. Still at risk is the British Airways account, which industry insiders reckon to be worth £6-£7 million.

As a result, Mr Scott confirmed, work worth 6 per cent of last year's total revenues of almost £800 million has either been lost or may be lost.

Saatchi & Saatchi was announcing pre-tax profits that advanced from £19.2 million in 1993 to £32.4 million last year, but only with the benefit of the non-repetition of £19.1 million of restructuring costs taken the previous year. Earnings per share, on that basis, were ahead from 3.7p to 6.3p.

"The last three months have been extremely eventful and difficult," said Mr Scott. "Inevitably the turmoil will affect our performance in 1995 — instead of being a year of continuing recovery, it will be a year of transition."

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Business Today

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3050.6	(+38.8)
Yield	4.42%	
FT-SE A All share	1496.02	(+15.37)
Nikkei	16245.82	(-231.82)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4051.86	(+26.63)*
S&P Composite	492.57	(+2.52)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5⅞%*	(5⅝%)
Long Bond	102⅝₃₂*	(102⅛₃₂)
Yield	7.39%*	(7.45%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6⅜₁₆%	(6⅛₁₆%)
Life long gilt future (Mar)	102⅝₃₂	(101¹³₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5870*	(1.5926)
London:		
$	1.5865	(1.5973)
DM	2.2416	(2.2489)
FFr	7.9480	(8.0190)
SFr	1.8682	(1.8745)
Yen	144.21	(144.43)
£ Index	85.3	(85.3)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4125*	(1.4070)
FFr	5.0075*	(5.0020)
SFr	1.1755*	(1.1740)
Yen	90.93*	(90.75)
$ Index	91.7	(91.3)

Tokyo close Yen 90.80

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (May) $16.45 ($16.55)

GOLD

London close $385.05 ($385.55)

* denotes midday trading price

Cold on steel

The Government yesterday said that Britain's steel industry faced capacity cuts because of the failure of Brussels to curb state aid in Europe for inefficient steel producers. The Government praised the success of the UK steel industry, but was cautious about overcapacity in Europe. Page 26

Heading east

Williams Holdings, the industrial conglomerate, is looking for a joint venture partner in China as part of its strategy to expand in emerging markets. Page 27, Tempus 28

Unlucky 13 for Kingfisher

By Susan Gilchrist

KINGFISHER, the retail conglomerate, yesterday reported the first fall in annual profits in its 13-year history.

Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy, chief executive, blamed the setback on problems at the Woolworths and Comet chains. "We have a clear and urgent programme to regain forward momentum," he said.

Disappointing trading and rumours of management friction culminated in the departure of four main board directors, including Alan Smith, the former chief executive, and James Kerr-Muir, finance director, this year.

The shares, which peaked at 773p in December 1993, have spent much of the year languishing below 400p. Yesterday they rose 5p to 440p.

Pre-tax profits fell to £244.2 million from £309.3 million in the year to January 28, broadly in line with City expectations. Analysts, however, were surprised at the absence of any restructuring provisions.

Less than two months ago, Kingfisher said provisions might be needed to cover the cost of repositioning its problem chains. Yesterday, the group said no such charges were required.

Insiders say Sir Geoffrey had never wanted to make any provisions, but had been overruled by Mr Smith and Mr Kerr-Muir. Their departures and new management at Woolworths and Comet meant Sir Geoffrey was able to overturn that decision.

Sir Geoffrey insisted Woolworths remains a core part of the group, in spite of its recent difficulties. "We are committed to building on this unrivalled asset on the high street," he said. However, he hinted that Comet's long-term future may lie elsewhere.

B&Q and Darty made good progress while profits rose sharply at Superdrug. The final dividend, to be paid on July 4, is 10.8p (10.5p), bringing the total to 15.2p (14.9p).

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Carsberg unity plan rejected

THE Government yesterday rejected a call from the Director-General of Fair Trading for all the UK's competition authorities to be drawn together into a single body (Philip Bassett writes).

The explicit rejection of the proposal put forward by Sir Bryan Carsberg, the outgoing head of the Office of Fair Trading, will place ministers in a direct clash with the Government's most senior competition regulator.

Sir Bryan's proposal for a unitary competition authority to replace both the OFT and the Monopolies and Mergers Commission is also finding support from both business leaders and consumer bodies. But the proposal was thrown out by ministers yesterday. The Trade and Industry Select Committee is looking at the tripartite structure of the department and the two competition authorities.

It is likely, however, that the select committee's report — to be published this later year — will endorse Sir Bryan's proposal.

Lord Carrington joins bidder for Tunnel rail link

By Jonathan Prynn, Transport Correspondent

LORD CARRINGTON has been signed up to the increasingly celebrity-studded competition to build the £3 billion high-speed Channel Tunnel rail link.

The former Foreign Secretary is chairing the bid from Union Link, one of four consortiums which yesterday lodged applications with the Government for Britain's biggest outstanding construction project.

The contract to build the longest new railway in Britain since the turn of the century will be awarded late this year.

Lord Carrington, 75, is the second former Tory Cabinet minister to be recruited to the contest. Lord Parkinson, chairman of the rival Eurorail consortium, served as Transport Secretary and Energy Secretary in the 1980s.

A spokesman for Union Link, which includes firms from Britain, France, Germany and Belgium, said Lord Carrington, a former Secretary-General of Nato, had been asked to join because of his vast experience in European affairs.

Green Arrow, a German-led construction group bidding for the contract, announced last month that Lord Kingsdown, who as Robin Leigh-Pemberton was Governor of the Bank of England for ten years until 1993, is to head its bid.

The fourth consortium, London and Continental has the relatively low-key Sir Derek Hornby, head of the British Overseas Trade Board, as its chairman. However, it can rely on the entrepreneurial skills of Richard Branson, chairman of the Virgin Group and a consortium member, to boost the bidder's public profile.

The Bill to provide the legislative go-ahead for the construction of the 68-mile link is currently making its passage through Parliament.

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Boost for divorcées on pension rights

By Anne Ashworth

THE pensions rights of divorced women received a substantial boost in the Lords yesterday, following a series of amendments to the Pensions Bill. After a long campaign, the courts will have to consider the value of the husband's pension when couples divorce, awarding a share of the money to the wife. The husband's pension scheme will bear the responsibility for paying this money.

The Government had proposed that the pension be paid by the husband himself, but an amendment from Baroness Hollis of Heigham, Labour's Social Security spokeswoman in the Lords, successfully replaced the former spouse with his pension scheme.

Pensions and matrimonial lawyers considered the proposed new system was workable but flawed. Such reservations are likely to mean modifications to the proposals as the Bill proceeds to the Commons.

Robin Ellison, of Hammond Suddards, the pension lawyers, said: "If this arrangement is going to become law, then it will have to be thought out very carefully. Although the extra cost to schemes will be marginal, the main problem is enforcement. Pension schemes will have to trace wives who have changed their addresses. It's possible that there may have to be a registry listing divorced wives who have been awarded rights to their husbands' pensions. Pension schemes will have to consult this before paying out a pension."

The proposal was criticised by the National Association of Pension Funds, which represents the 1,200 pension schemes in which a total of £300 billion is invested. A spokesman said: "We would prefer to see pensions split at the time of divorce, giving the wife the cash to buy herself a pension. Under the system now proposed, the divorced wife will get a pension which starts when someone retires and stops at their death. There will be no entitlement to a widow's pension. And, if the ex-husband dies before retirement, she would receive nothing, as she is not eligible for a share of the death-in-service benefits."

Maggie Rae, a leading matrimonial lawyer at Mishcon de Reya, commented: "Obliging pension schemes to pay out the money may prove to be a greater burden than the work involved in dividing a pension on divorce."

Jobless forecast to stay above two million

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

UNEMPLOYMENT is likely to remain above two million until the next election because of the steps already taken to prevent economic overheating, a new report forecasts today.

Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, will today announce what ministers hope will be the latest fall in unemployment, when he visits a Midlands car part manufacturing company. City economists are guessing that the current seasonally adjusted total of 2.4 million could fall by a further 40,000.

But in advance of that, a study of the UK labour market by the Employment Policy Institute pressure group welcomes what it calls the "fairly healthy" fall in unemployment, but gives warning that the fall may be slowing.

In a reference to the Government's three recent interest rate rises, aimed at choking off any signs of resurgent inflation, the report says: "The steps already taken to slow the economy may mean that unemployment will remain above the 2 million level this side of the next election."

Ministers claim that much of the fall in unemployment is due to increased flexibility in the labour market — a key target of government economic policies.

But the EPI concludes that it is "difficult" to assess how important a factor this is, proposing instead that a more important reason may simply be strong economic growth, and suggesting that the test of the importance of flexibility is yet to come.

"If the labour market really has become more flexible, then unemployment should be able to fall much further without causing the labour market to overheat."

Looking at the impact on unemployment on wages, the institute says that "the economic recovery could well hit a wage buffer" when unemployment does eventually drop below the 2 million threshold.

The study says that many of the new jobs being created are not low-paid, but it accepts that many people in work do feel insecure, and suggests that talk of greater labour market flexibility and frequent changes of job could itself be reinforcing pessimism about employment almost irrespective of the true state of the labour market.

EU failure to curb aid threatens British steel

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government yesterday said further capacity cuts faced Britain's steel industry because of the failure of Brussels to curb state aid in Europe for inefficient steel producers.

While it praised the success of the UK steel industry, its warning about the industry's future in Britain underlines the longer-term difficulties still facing steel in the UK because of over-capacity in the industry across Europe.

The Government's statement came in its response, published yesterday, to a study on the UK steel industry prepared by the all-party Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee. MPs on the committee said that the Government must reconsider its refusal to provide state aid for Britain's steel industry in the face of continuing European steel subsidies.

Ministers do not accept this point, but the Department of Trade and Industry agrees that the continuation of state aid to some European steel producers is now the main problem facing steel-making in the UK.

The "failure" of Brussels to curb state aid was allowing inefficient steel producers to remain in operation, protected from commercial pressures, the DTI said. This has in turn led to continuing increased capacity and the collapse of a restructuring plan aimed at taking between 19 and 26 million tonnes of capacity out of the industry.

Tim Eggar, Industry Minister, said in yesterday's DTI response: "Failure to eliminate excess capacity can only mean that the problem will resurface, unalleviated, with the next downturn in demand, to the detriment of efficient UK producers."

He said steel in the UK was now successful both in terms of its efficiency and its export performance, and was now a "highly competitive, world class" industry.

But his statement about the next downturn echoes a warning from the committee that the failure to restructure steelmaking across Europe "leaves underlying problems to be solved during the next downturn in demand".

Mr Eggar insisted that the Government remained "determined to fight for a level playing field for the UK steel industry" and would continue to press for strict enforcement of existing aid rules and rigorous monitoring of existing aid cases.

The Government, together with the industry in the UK, has established a steel subsidies monitoring committee, specifically charged to look at the operation of state aid in steel throughout Europe.

JUSTIN SLEE



Ward Thomas has wiped out losses at Yorkshire-Tyne Tees

Yorkshire's new broom turns gloom into boom

BY MARTIN WALLER

THE new broom treatment at Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Television has sent the broadcaster back into the black. Pre-tax profits in the last nine months of 1994 wiped out losses of £4.6 million incurred in the first half, to end-March 1994, and the group ended with profits of £10.5 million in the 15 months to end-December, compared with losses of £7.9 million in the previous year.

Ward Thomas, brought in as chairman and chief executive to rescue the business, said the company was now in a position to pay dividends again. He is recommending a final of 4.7p which, with the token interim already paid, makes a total of 4.8p, against 3.3p paid at the interim stage last time. The payments are out of headline earnings per share of 11p, up from 0.7p.

Profits in the 15 months benefited from advertising revenue, which was currently running on a monthly basis at 20 per cent ahead of the severely depressed levels a year ago. Yorkshire also saw a one-off gain of £2.95 million from the sale of assets into a newly-formed joint venture.

Mr Thomas said at the start of the financial period "the situation looked very gloomy indeed". Advertising income had improved in 1994 and there was every indication that the group was increasing its share of the advertising market within Channel 3.

Yorkshire has been looking at the prospect of joining one of the consortums lining up bids for Channel 5, if calculations suggested the new channel would be "viable and affordable," Mr Thomas said.

Labour call for global derivatives regulations

BY JAMES LANDALE AND NEIL BENNETT

LABOUR called yesterday for an international regulatory regime to oversee the global derivatives market after the collapse of Barings Bank.

In an amendment to the Finance Bill, Labour demanded tougher, prudential trading requirements to minimise risks to the financial markets.

Denis MacShane, MP for Rotherham and member of the Finance Bill Committee, called on Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to consult other finance ministers from the G7 industrialised countries "with a view to devising an agreed international fiscal regime for global derivative markets".

Mr MacShane outlined six proposals "to regulate more efficiently the trading of derivatives". They include an official register for all derivative transactions, an insurance scheme to cover speculative losses and capital adequacy requirements for derivative trading institutions. The amendment also wants adequate margin requirements for each trader and agreed trading limits and price halts.

As expected, the Singapore International Monetary Exchange yesterday issued an official condemnation of the management of Barings for failing to disclose that Nick Leeson, the futures trader blamed for the bank's collapse, had two outstanding County Court judgments against him in the UK.

Meanwhile Mr Leeson's former colleagues say they have all been offered jobs outside Singapore. They remain on indefinite paid holiday at Barings while the investigation into the collapse of the futures business continues.

"Everyone in the office has been offered at least one job in Tokyo, Australia or Hong Kong," a trader said. "There is no question of moving as a team without Nick because he was the main attraction. There is a lot of disappointment at not getting our bonuses."

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Bundesbank helps to ease dollar slide

THE dollar firmed a little against the mark yesterday from DM1.4080 to DM1.4125, helped by mild speculation that the Bundesbank may ease its repurchase rate tomorrow, and by evidence suggesting that the rate of US economic growth is easing and, along with it, inflationary pressures. The Atlanta Federal Reserve reported a slower pace of growth in business activity in February, compared with January, and an easing of price pressures. US retail sales fell 0.5 per cent in February. Sterling firmed a little against the mark, also helped by speculation of lower German rates. It did not appear to react badly to a downbeat distributive trades survey from the CBI. It closed one pfennig higher against the mark, at DM2.2455 but was a touch lower against the dollar at $1.5877.

Otmar Issing, Bundesbank board member, contributed to the speculation about German rates by saying that the current strength of the mark would have a positive impact on German inflation but could also be negative for the economy. He said that, if foreign currencies were to stay at current levels, individual German companies would certainly face problems. However, many analysts said that the German central bank would still be cautious about cutting rates.

EuroDisney cuts losses

EURODISNEY executives said that they expect the company to reach breakeven next year, after reducing losses in 1994 to Fr1.8 billion from Fr5.3 billion in 1993. Philippe Bourguignon, chairman and managing director, told the annual meeting that the group expects to reach breakeven because of the positive effects of financial restructuring in 1994, as well as a rise in sales and productivity. He said price reductions, including a 22 per cent cut in the high-season entrance fee effective from April 1, should attract 500,000 more visitors this year.

Rosebys advances

ROSEBYS, the specialist retailer of household textiles and soft furnishings, is raising its dividend to 4.85p (4.65p) for the year, with a final of 3.35p payable on May 12, after seeing a modest improvement in full-year profits. Pre-tax profits edged up by 3 per cent to £2.83 million in the year to December 31, as turnover climbed 5 per cent to £51.3 million. Unusually hot weather over the summer, low consumer spending and a depressed housing market affected results. Earnings per share stood at 9.1p (9.4p restated).

IBM chief's $12m deal

IBM paid its chief executive $4.6 million in salary and bonuses last year, and gave him another $7.75 million to compensate for the sale of his shares in his old company. According to IBM's proxy statement, Louis Gerstner received a $2 million salary and $2.6 million in bonuses. The compensation came after a promise by IBM when he was hired from RJR Nabisco in 1993, which guaranteed him more than $8.12 for each RJR share held. Mr Gerstner, 53, will receive an annual pension of $1.14 million from IBM at 60.

ALM attacks Lloyd's

THE Association of Lloyd's Members has launched a scathing attack on the insurance market's system of self-regulation. In its latest news letter, the ALM said: "The Lloyd's self-regulatory system has been a disaster." And while progress has been made, "Lloyd's has yet to match the regulatory competence of other major markets", it states. The ALM also argues that it is time to settle the protracted mass of legal actions that have been brought by thousands of names against Lloyd's agencies.

Bayer and BASF ahead

STRONG recovery in the German chemical industry enabled Bayer and BASF, two of the country's increasingly acquisitive "big three" players, to increase their dividends on their 1994 results. Bayer said it was raising its dividend by DM2 to DM13 after a 47 per cent increase in its net profit to DM2.01 billion. Rival BASF also raised its dividend by DM2 to DM10 on the back of 50 per cent increase in net profit to DM1.28 billion. Hoechst, the other member of the big three, had earlier announced its decision to lift its dividend by DM3 to DM10.

GEC firm's Paris office searched

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

THE Paris headquarters of GEC-Alsthom, the Anglo-French power and transport equipment group, was yesterday searched by Rénaud van Ruymbeke, a French judge investigating alleged fraud at Alcatel-Alsthom, France's second biggest industrial group.

The anti-corruption judge's search came as Pierre Suard, chairman of Alcatel Alsthom, French parent of GEC-Alsthom, was subjected to fresh questioning at Evry, a suburb of Paris, by the judge who on Friday banned him from conducting his corporate functions pending an inquiry into overbilling.

Alcatel, whose British partner in GEC-Alsthom, is Lord Weinstock's GEC group, is alleged to have systematically overcharged France Télécom, the telecommunications monopoly. M Suard is also alleged to have underpaid for improvements at his home.

A spokesman for Alcatel said there was no particular threat to GEC-Alsthom's activities arising from the search of its offices. M Van Ruymbeke's investigation centres on alleged illegal funding of political parties by GEC-Alsthom. Yesterday's search was linked to a consultancy that financed left-wing parties in 1990.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.23	2.06
Austria Sch	16.81	15.31
Belgium Fr	49.43	45.13
Canada $	2.356	2.186
Cyprus Cyp£	0.757	0.702
Denmark Kr	9.83	8.83
Finland Mkk	7.58	6.83
France Fr	8.43	7.78
Germany Dm	2.40	2.19
Greece Dr	376.00	354.00
Hong Kong $	12.93	11.93
Ireland Pt	1.05	0.97
Israel	5.2589	4.5089
Italy Lire	2775.00	2620.00
Japan Yen	158.00	143.00
Malta	0.803	0.548
Netherlds Gld	2.673	2.443
Norway Kr	10.60	9.80
Portugal Esc	248.50	230.00
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.30
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☐ Electricity firms still hope to escape tougher regime ☐ Financial squeeze in the East ☐ Good work wiped out at Cordiant

Punishment grid

☐ AS any engineer knows, quick and easy fixes often lead to long-term structural problems. Some of the ideas rattling around the electricity industry about how to mend relations with the regulator have a distinctly bodged feel to them.

Those readers who have yet to check their post this morning should not look on the door-mat for a large cheque courtesy of Professor Littlechild, for example. Furthermore, although the regional electricity companies are meeting today to consider whether the National Grid flotation can go ahead, they are not going to exit the meeting with any degree of unanimity.

The idea of a rebate to customers this year, whether of £20 a household and courtesy of the National Grid float or more recently of £50 to get Professor Littlechild off the industry's back, is not a new one. Last week, a minority of the 12 regional electricity companies, or Recs, started to drum up the notion that a one-off payment, if big enough, would be a sufficient substitute for a proper review as threatened by the professor.

This is in effect a one-off utility tax, as suggested by Labour, under any other name, but with the proceeds going to the consumer rather than to the Treasury. The problem is that it would require a degree of consensus within the industry that has hitherto been rather scarce, and it is hard to see how such a one-off could be funded.

Everyone here has their own agenda. The smaller Recs, with equally small customer registers, would find it a cheap get-out, if the professor would just oblige. Such a payment, if funded for example as to £20 from the Grid and £30 from the companies' own resources, would leave the smaller fry with gearing levels barely into the thirties. It would do few favours for the likes of Eastern, Yorkshire or East Midlands, who would see gearing climb to 60 per cent and beyond.

A one-off payment forced by Professor Littlechild would also, like any form of Danegeld, leave the possibility of a subsequent further imposition if he felt the industry's funds could support it, so it would lack the element of certainty the industry is looking for and which would be provided by a full review.

The complication is the National Grid, and the degree to which a float could fund a consumer rebate as debt is injected into the company and paid to the Recs in the form of a special dividend. The views of the Grid management are academic; the difficulty is that the higher the debt, the higher the ACT on that dividend, which might not be recovered if profits from the industry fall in subsequent years, perhaps because of a tougher pricing regime.

The idea of a £1.2 billion rebate to consumers does have a certain symmetrical attraction, however; it is almost precisely what the companies have paid out to shareholders to date as special dividends and share buy-backs. Just how such a rebate is achievable is another matter.



Countdown to gloom in Tokyo

☐ STOCK market Romantics can forget the idea that Nick Leeson would have triumphed if only he could have held out. On Tuesday, Tokyo's Nikkei 225 share index sank below 16,250, its lowest point for the year. And local technical factors, such as Barings's mistaken contracts, could no longer be blamed. True Romantics will not give up yet. As the hours tick by to the making up of banks' accounts, much rides on a recovery at least to 17,000, if not the near-20,000 level at which the Nikkei started 1995. If anyone thought they could bribe a few key players and thereby achieve a result, they would. Thus far, even barely covert government support for shares has not done the trick.

Share prices have slipped decisively below their 15-year moving average for the first time in a generation, barring a brief crossover in 1993. That symbolically questions the confident culture of the Japanese markets, which can usually take short-term setbacks in its stride. Not-so-cuddly bears look in control. Sentiment undoubtedly coloured Tokyo's reaction to the Kobe earthquake — not the sentiment of shock at the fate of fellow citizens so much as an instinctively pessimistic view of the financial consequences. There would have been as much financial logic in stock market prices moving the other way.

The surprise acceleration of the yen's upward march has brought more solid gloom. A rise from 100 yen to the dollar to 90 in short time will damage profit in the export sectors, as well as sending more output offshore. Some sectors competing with newly encouraged imports could fare worse. Kleinwort Benson still expects normal profit rises to average more than 10 per cent in the coming financial year but that is poor in what should have been the first bloom of recovery.

The problems of banks, which used to lend heavily abroad, and the burnt fingers of investors, who have seen their dollar investments crumble, strengthen the yen further. At least the thundering hooves of departing foreign investors should help to moderate the currency's latest boost. When the herd is galloping fastest for the exit, it will be time for investors aged more than 27 to return.

A painful result

☐ THE first set of financials since the Saatchis *et al* decamped were always going to be an ordeal for the ongoing management of what will soon be known to the world as Cordiant, but yesterday was a trial indeed.

Some 6 per cent of revenues are either at risk or have already walked. Margins are heading the wrong way again and shareholders can forget any dividends. All this came after a year in which, following the loss of the Chrysler and Helene Curtis accounts in the US, a 0.6 per cent real rise in revenues was accompanied by a 5 per cent fall in actual, like-for-like profits.

Small wonder the banks are driving such a hard bargain as the group renegotiates facilities for another year to the start of 1997. Cordiant is facing a commitment fee approaching £5 million and interest rates 2 to 3 per cent above LIBOR. Further uncertainties, now the group has decided to keep much of its workforce rather than resorting to sackings, are how much of the lost revenues can be made up.

Assessing profits for the current year is a thankless task. In effect the group has been pushed back to where it was at least a year ago, and the good work by Charlie Scott and his team has been wiped out. Shareholders should address most of their thanks to David Herro, the Chicago investor with 10 per cent, but the sniping campaign by and against the Saatchi brothers has hardly helped.

Blacklist

☐ NEW guidance for members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants says: "One of the best ways to avoid clients or potential clients becoming a problem is not to take them on in the first place". True. So would-be auditors should check, among other things, for dubious directors' behaviour, adverse press comment, a big recent change of ownership, criticism by any public body, reliance on a single product or undue influence by someone outside the company. That should rule out the privatised utilities.

Williams looks for joint venture partner in China

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

WILLIAMS Holdings, the industrial conglomerate, is looking for a joint venture partner in China as part of its strategy to expand in emerging markets. Roger Carr, chief executive, said the group was talking to two or three parties with a view to establishing a joint venture with Williams's securities products business, which includes the Yale brand. It is also interested in exploring opportunities in South America and South Africa.

Mr Carr said bolt-on acquisitions were still much on the agenda. Last year the group spent £212 million on buying companies and Mr Carr said it would be willing to spend a similar sum in the current year, if the appropriate opportunities arose.

The security division is the priority area for the group. "We need to make acquisitions to achieve critical mass," Mr Carr said. However, no deals are imminent.

His remarks came as Williams unveiled a 31 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £200.3 million from £153.2 million in the year to December 31, in line with City expectations. Although the bottom line was boosted by the contribution from acquisitions, underlying operating profits still rose 12 per cent.

Mr Carr said the group had protected margins, in spite of intense competition and raw material price increases, by investing in more efficient production and better sourcing.

The European building products division lifted underlying profits 9 per cent, due to strong growth in continental Europe. The DIY market in the UK remained flat. The building products operations in North America were buoyant, in spite of extreme weather conditions and natural disasters in the first quarter.

The security products division benefited from the acquisition of Corbin Russwin in the prior year, while further progress was made in the fire protection business.

The group is beginning to see signs of recovery in the UK, while growth in the US and continental Europe continues to gather momentum. The final dividend, to be paid on May 25, is lifted to 8.25p (7.62p) bringing the total payout to 13.5p (12.54p).

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Glynwed profits from Aga surge

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

PRE-TAX profits at Glynwed International, the Birmingham engineering group, jumped 47.5 per cent to £67.1 million in the year to December 31, helped by a recovery in many of its markets and a record performance from Aga Rayburn cookers.

Greater efficiency, strong exports and acquisition benefits helped turnover to climb 6.1 per cent to £1.02 billion. Most divisions achieved higher profits in spite of pressure on margins from rising raw material costs.

Gareth Davies, the chairman, said that consumer products had an excellent year even though UK consumer spending was below that of the previous year, while steels and engineering were helped by buoyant exports and productivity gains.

However, Glynwed's tubes and fittings division suffered from overcapacity in the copper tube industry and incurred a loss of £3.9 million (£2.2 million loss).

Strong cash generation helped to trim interest costs to £7.3 million (£10.1 million). An increased final dividend of 8.1p (7.5p) will be paid on June 2, giving a total of 12.25p (11.65p) for the year, from earnings of 21.34p (14.91p) a share.

Glynwed plans to build on its core businesses with further acquisitions.

Inspec to pay £80m for Belgian group

BY CARL MORTISHED

LESS than a year since its £136 million stock market debut, Inspec, the specialty chemicals group, is to double in size with the £80 million acquisition of BP Antwerp in Belgium.

Inspec shares rose from 209p to 225p yesterday in spite of the launch of a 4 for 11 rights issue at 175p, raising £53 million to help to finance the deal. The acquisition of BP Antwerp, which produces specialty and commodity chemicals on 425 acres of land within Europe's largest petrochemical complex, will reunite two businesses once under the BP roof.

Inspec was bought out of BP Chemicals in 1992. Its operations in Hythe, Hampshire, are leading consumers of ethylene glycol, a commodity chemical which accounts for a third of BP Antwerp's profits. The Antwerp site also produces ENB, a high margin specialty chemical used to make high performance rubber, and BP Antwerp has a third business leg providing management to other businesses developing facilities on the site.

Inspec expects profits to soar after the deal, forecasting pre-tax profits of £12.2 million for the half-year to June, a shade under 1994's full-year result of £12.3 million against £5.6 million in 1993. Inspec is paying a dividend of 4p on earnings of 11.75p (5.25p).

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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Northern Electric shares surge in heavy trading

SHARES of embattled **Northern Electric** stood out with a leap of 51p to 789p in heavy trading amid claims that **Trafalgar House** was close to negotiating an agreed £10-a-share knockout offer for the company.

By the close of business last night, more than three million Northern shares had changed hands amid growing hopes that something could be salvaged from the bid, which has turned into something of a farce since last week's warning by Stephen Littlechild, the electricity industry regulator, about tougher pricing polices.

The speculators are also hoping that an agreed deal of £10 a share can be reached. Many of them are currently sitting on huge trading losses after Trafalgar allowed its original offer of £11 a share to lapse and pressed the Takeover Panel to allow it to make a lower offer of £9.50.

Since then, the Northern share price has fallen more than 20 per cent, with further volatility expected before the regulator outlines his proposals in a few weeks.

Trafalgar, which on Monday claimed it had overwhelming support for making an offer of £9.50 a share and wants it sanctioned by the Takeover Panel, last night firmed 1p to 58p. Trafalgar yesterday requested a meeting with the Northern board, but was rebuffed.

The rest of the sector enjoyed selective support after it was announced that the regional electricity companies would be getting together later today to discuss the possibility of a one-off payoff of £50 to consumers. **East Midland** rose 4p to 604p, Eastern 12p to 593p, **Manweb** 6p to 651p, **South West** 4p to 648p, **South Wales** 5p to 665p, and **Yorkshire** 1p to 667p.

Meanwhile, the rest of the equity market and government bonds responded with enthusiasm to announcement of a further slowing down in retail sales on both sides of the Atlantic. A survey by the Confederation of British Industry forecasting a further slowdown in sales during March was coupled with news of a drop in US retail sales. That was interpreted to mean there was no need for another rise in interest rates.

A strong opening rise on Wall Street enabled the FT-SE 100 index to end at its best of the day, with a leap of 38.8 points to 3,050.6. Turnover grew to 651 million shares as the profits from Glaxo's agreed bid for Wellcome began to find their way back into the market-place.

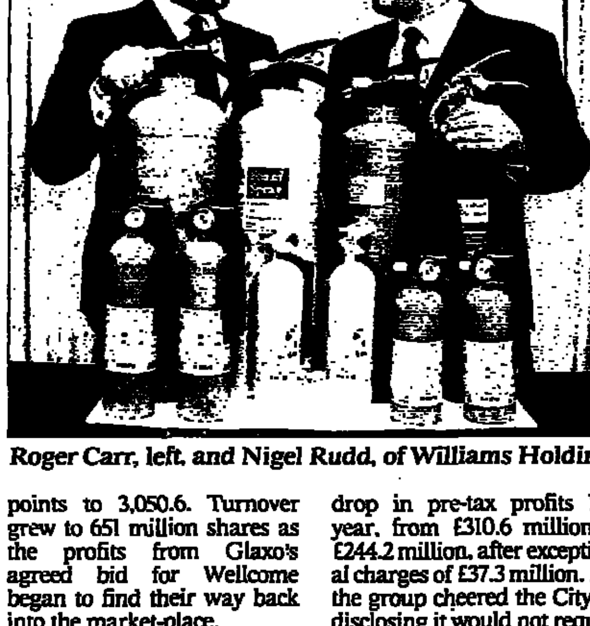
Abbey National advanced 13½p to 437½p as Nomura, the Japanese securities house, urged clients to buy. Nomura says that the bearish stories about intense competition have been overdone. It says negative sentiment will hold the shares back for a while, but ultimately quality will win out.

SEET, the textiles group, dropped 5p to 58p as a 25 per cent stake in the company changed hands. The 1.17 million shares were bought by Ashleybank Investments.

Kingfisher advanced 5p to 440p in spite of an expected drop in pre-tax profits last year, from £310.6 million to £244.2 million, after exceptional charges of £37.3 million. But the group cheered the City by disclosing it would not require the provisions for restructuring it gave warning of in January.

Recovery plans were under way at Comet and Woolworth and improvements were recorded in B&Q, Darty, Superdrug and Chartwell Land. The group also increased the dividend from 14.9p to 15.2p.

Williams Holdings, of which Roger Carr is chief executive and Nigel Rudd chairman, slipped 1p to 319p after revealing an acquisition-led set of final figures showing pre-tax profits 30.7 per cent higher at £200.3 million. The industrial conglomerate, with interests ranging from fire-prevention to security and engineering, forecast continued growth in 1995. Last year's rights issue enabled the group to make a number of bolt-on acquisitions and others are planned.



Roger Carr, left, and Nigel Rudd, of Williams Holdings

Fast-growing **Medeva** cheered the market with a full year exceeding even the most optimistic brokers' forecasts. Pre-tax profits were 35 per cent ahead at £64.2 million.

Bernard Taylor, the chairman, said that the group had made excellent progress in the acquisition and licensing of existing and late-stage development products. The shares responded with a rise of 15p to 196p.

Glynwed International has found scope to resume dividend increases after a 48 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £67.1 million. The group's markets had begun to improve and expected to continue benefiting from better efficiency and recent acquisitions. The shares lost 5p at 293p.

But there were fewer grounds for optimism at **Wolseley**, the building products group, which gave a warning of uninspiring trading conditions in Britain, with the boom time in America showing signs of subsiding. Last year, pre-tax profits were 35 per cent higher at £117.3 million, but the gloomy outlook left the shares 7p lower at 341p.

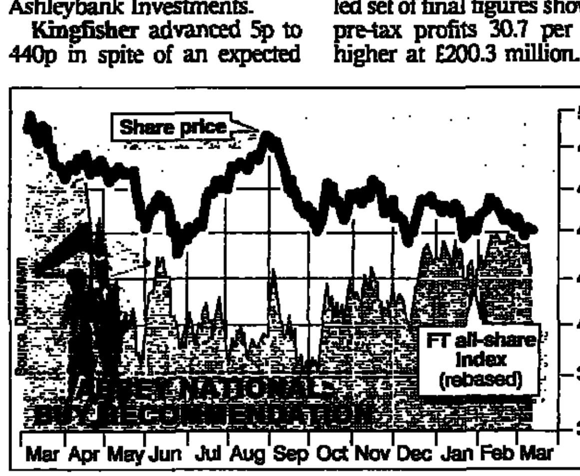
□ **GILT-EDGED**: Government securities recovered from a hesitant start to post gains of more than £1 by the close. Traders said that prices benefited from a strong start by German bunds and the latest CBI survey.

Investors also took heart from news of the half-point fall in US retail sales during February.

The June series of the Long Gilt climbed £1 1/16 to £102 19/32 as the number of contracts completed soared to 82,000. Among conventional issues, the longer end enjoyed the best gains, with benchmark Treasury 8 per cent 2013 advancing £1 1/8 to £95 15/16, while in shorts, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £21/32 higher at £97 29/32.

□ **NEW YORK**: Wall Street shares surged broadly in early trading on fresh evidence of a soft US economic landing. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 26.63 points to 4,051.86.

City sentiment seems to be recovering from the collapse of Barings, with takeover talk reviving. SG Warburg is favourite to receive a bid after earlier breaking off talks with Morgan Stanley. Its shares rose 8p to 703p with 365,000 traded as Smith New Court, the broker, cleared the market out of available stock.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	4051.86 (+26.63)
S&P Composite	492.57 (+2.52)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	16245.82 (-231.82)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	8094.58 (-16.69)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	394.81 (+1.48)
Sydney:	
AO	1885.5 (+1.0)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2000.45 (+0.96)
Singapore:	
Straits	2060.38 (-3.15)
Brussels:	
General	6846.65 (+36.04)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1768.99 (+47.19)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	586.70 (+2.20)
London:	
FT 30	2338.2 (+30.8)
FT 100	3050.6 (+38.8)
FT-SE Mid 250	3332.5 (+16.9)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1242.42 (+20.01)
FT A All-Share	1496.02 (+15.37)
FT Non Financials	1616.48 (+16.35)
FT Gold Mines	n/a
FT Fixed Interest	109.54 (+0.20)
FT Govt Secs	91.52 (+0.63)
Bargains	27947
SEAQ Volume	651.9m
USM (Datastrm)	144.75 (-0.06)
US$	1.5877 (-0.0036)
German Mark	2.2455 (+0.0097)
Exchange Index	85.3 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2094
£:SDR	1.0311
RPI	146.0 Jan (3.3%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Albright & Wilson (150)	162	-1
Bath Press (10)	12¼	...
Beale	200	...
Colleagues	126	...
Dailywin (128)	130	-1
GET Group (125)	128	...
Geared Inc Inv C (100)	100	...
Golden Rose Cms (135)	127	...
HTR Inc Gth Splt (100)	95	...
-ditto- Zero Div Pf (100)	103	...
Inv Tst of Inv Tst	84	...
Inv Tst of Inv Tst Wts	56	...
MCIT S Cap (35)	33	...
MCIT S Inc (35)	36	...
Melrose Energy Wts	3½	...
Natl Power (p/p) (476)	171½	-½
Photobition (150)	153	...
PowerGen (p/p) (512)	187	+1
Schroder Inc Grth Uts	495	...
Throg Dual Zero Div Pf	101	...
Wessex Trust	11	...
Zotefoams (145)	180	-2

RIGHTS ISSUES

Cadbury Sch Cv Ln (340)	195	+6
Cookson n/p (175)	20	+6
Dalgty Cv Ln 95 n/p (335)	64	-2
Horace Sml App n/p (90)	31	+2
Shorco n/p (90)	1	...
Torex Hire n/p (50)	2	-½
Unit Group n/p (39)	1½	...
Wyko n/p (52)	14	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Nat Aust Bank	505p (+14p)
Persimmon	184p (+11p)
Carlton Comm	890p (+15p)
Yorkshire TV	393p (+27p)
Antofagasta	260p (+10p)
Charter	785p (+21p)
Royal	289p (+11p)
Delta	450p (+18p)
Commercial Union	536p (+11p)
FALLS:	
Waste Mgmt Int	294p (-14p)
Lamont	293p (-15p)

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TEMPUS

Doing it Geoff's way

NOT content with boardroom turmoil, Kingfisher yesterday delivered an accounting surprise. Having given warning in January that the cost of repositioning Woolworths and Comet might require provisions, it has now decided this is no longer the case. Shareholders will be relieved, but they might also be annoyed that Kingfisher issued the warning in the first place: it wiped £127 million off the group's stock market value in January.

Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy, chief executive, says there is no need to make provisions as the problems at the two chains are due to operational mistakes rather than structural issues. He may be right, but it is still disappointing that he has not taken the opportunity to close some of the older and under-performing Comet stores. Although only a handful may be actually loss-making, there must be a substantial number which will never deliver respectable returns. To get rid of them now might have made a sale at a later date easier. But one thing is certain. Sir Geoffrey has taken the tough option. He could have got away with £100 million or so of exceptional charges this time and made himself look good next time as he unveiled a dramatic recovery story. Instead he is doing it the hard way.

Both Comet and Woolworths are skewed heavily towards the second half and so it will be several months before it becomes clear whether the new treatment is working. However, B&Q and Darty, which account for about half of group sales, are likely to make good progress this year. On a prospective p/e of less than 13 times, the shares look good value.

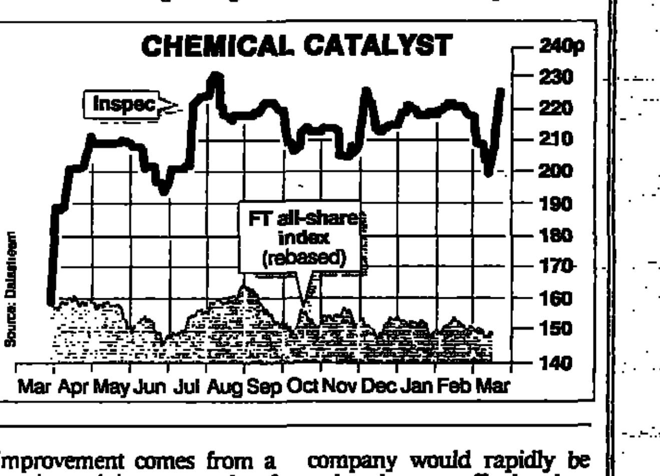
Inspec

BP ANTWERP was put out to tender, we are told, but from the outside the deal looks more like a coup by the former management than a transaction at arms length.

Inspec is getting the Belgian site for a song; if the company's quarterly forecast of £4 million from BP Antwerp has any meaning, Inspec is buying annualised profits of £12 million for £80 million. With chemical prices rising and more management contracts to come at Antwerp, the payback period for the investment could be as little as six years.

More important is the strategic integration of the former BP Chemicals operations. BP Antwerp will provide a secure supply of ethylene oxide, a commodity chemical that Inspec converts, at its Hythe plant, into more profitable products. Inspec can also take a cut from the profits of other manufacturers wishing to locate at the Antwerp plant.

Yesterday's deal seems to have been priced just as the ethylene oxide price began to rise sharply, and given the high operational gearing of petrochemical plants, Inspec should see cash gushing out of Antwerp. That should help reduce borrowings in the short term. Longer term, the company needs to develop more higher-margin products to protect its earnings in the inevitable downturn in the cycle. But Inspec should easily beat 20p earnings per share in 1996 and at such a rate of growth, the stock is still not expensive.



Williams Holdings

THE market can scarcely accuse Williams Holdings of failing to listen to its critics. When the mantle fell from diversified conglomerates, Williams reinvented itself as a focused industrial group with three legs: building products, security and fire protection to be expanded with bolt-on acquisitions.

Williams's £267 million cash call in April last year paid for a spate of deals but yesterday's figures provided hard evidence that the new-look Williams is delivering growth in earnings from its existing operations and not just paying for profits by issuing paper.

More important to assuage the doubters has been a transformation of the cash flow profile of Williams with free cash before dividends, acquisitions and disposals rising from £130 million to £144 million. Much of the improvement comes from a gentle nudging upwards of operating margins across the group at the same time as solid real growth in sales.

None of this impressed a grumpy stock market which is worried about weak growth and spiralling raw material costs. Williams sells about 70 per cent of its products into early cycle markets in North America and the UK where the building products market is looking shaky. The company would dearly love another acquisition like Solvay to boost sales into Europe, and needs a joint venture partner in South-East Asia to capture a bigger share of a booming market for security devices. But yesterday the company showed it could deliver without deals, and a forward multiple of just over 12 times looks attractive.

Wolseley

IF ALL of Wolseley's dire predictions came to pass, the company would rapidly be reduced to a scruffy shop in a back street in Balham. Happily, Wolseley is edging up its margin year after year and last year squeezed more profit out of Plumb Center, in spite of a less-than-brilliant market for its products, while the US surged ahead with 15 per cent organic growth.

Wolseley has been waiting for the housing recovery to shift from bricks and cement to fittings and so follow through to a healthy repair and maintenance market. But the transformation has not happened, causing the company to worry that the absence of a happy homebuyer may spoil a recovery in the lightside of building materials.

But Wolseley is still increasing its share of the French market, with Brossette increasing sales by 10 per cent, and the removal of uncertainty after the French election should see further growth on the Continent.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	978-977	May	1034-1030
May	983-982	Jul	1055-1044
Jul	988-987	Sep	1063-1054
Sep	998-997	Dec	1075-1070
Dec	1022-1005		
Mar	1037-1021		Volume: 6126

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	3249-3220	Nov	3075-3070
May	3200-3195	Jan	3055-3040
Jul	3130-3127	Mar	3040-3020
Sep	3100-3095		Volume: 5701

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	326.5-26.0
Spot: 388.2		Mar	320.3-18.3
May	379.0-78.5	May	320.3-17.3
Aug	365.0-64.0	Aug	318.3-14.8
Oct	334.5-33.5		Volume: 1966

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 13

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	93.63	125.65	121.76
(+/-)	+1.61	+3.03	n/c
Eng/Wales:	93.89	126.17	121.57
(+/-)	+1.54	+3.29	+0.03
(%)	-2.0	+2.0	+1.0
Scotland:	84.81	123.83	123.49
(+/-)	+1.95	+2.27	-0.24
(%)	-21.0	+21.0	-2.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm) CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.30	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Apr)	16.45	-0.05
Brent 15 day (May)	16.45	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	17.85	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (May)	17.90	-0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 171 (n/c)	O: 174 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	145 (-1)	146 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Apr	145 (+1)	146 (+1)
Non EEC 1H May	145 (+1)	146 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	105 (-2)	107 (-2)
Naphtha	173 (-1)	175 (-1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)
GAS OIL

Apr	143.50-43.75	Jul	146.25-46.50
May	143.75-44.00	Aug	148.00-48.50
Jun	144.25-44.50		Vol: 10657

BRENT (6.00pm)

Apr	16.49-16.52	Jul	16.39-16.42
May	16.48-16.51	Aug	16.39 SLR
Jun	16.47-16.50		Vol: 38676

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Mar	111.00	Mar	106.20
May	112.15	May	106.50
Jul	113.35	Sep	98.75
Sep	100.60	Nov	101.25
Nov	101.75	Jan	103.25
Volume: 346		Volume: 126	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	300.0	300.5
May	unq	347.5
Jul		unq
		Volume: 54

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Apr 121.50-122.00

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Mar 95	2268	2250	2268
Apr 95	2285	2250	2275
May 95	2224	2195	2220
Jul 95	1980	1945	1980
Vol: 495 lots		Open Interest: 4272	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2936.0-2937.0	2926.5-2927.5	2396925
Lead ($/tonne)	576.50-577.00	591.00-592.00	210300
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1025.0-1026.0	1053.0-1054.0	933275
Tin ($/tonne)	5525.0-5530.0	5600.0-5610.0	33530
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1827.0-1827.5	1869.5-1870.0	2946250
Nickel ($/tonne)	7570.0-7575.0	7725.0-7728.0	111846

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Alld Dom.	500	16	27	34	9	22	25½
(*504)	550	2½	8½	15	46	56½	59
Argyll	280	12½	17½	23	7½	15	18½
(*282)	300	4½	9½	14½	20	28	30½
ASDA	70	3	6	7½	1½	3½	5
(*71)	80	0	2	3½	9	10	11
Boots	460	41½	49½	54½	1	8	11
(*497½)	500	11½	23	31	11½	25	27½
Br Airways	360	29½	38	44	2½	10½	14½
(*384½)	390	10	20½	27½	13	24½	29
BP	390	21½	29½	36	3½	9	14
(*405½)	420	6½	15	21	18	23	28½
Br Steel	140	19½	22½	25	0½	2	3½
(*158½)	160	4½	9½	13	5½	9	11
C & W	360	31	41	47½	2½	9½	12½
(*387)	390	11½	23	31½	12½	22	25½
CU	493	42	—	—	4½	—	—
(*534½)	543	5½	—	—	31	—	—
ICI	650	30½	57	64	4½	13½	20
(*678)	700	10	28½	37½	26½	36	44
Kingfishr	420	22½	30½	43½	5½	17½	21
(*439½)	460	2	12	25½	32½	40½	43
Land Sec	550	48	54½	58½	0½	10	12½
(*593½)	600	12½	21	28	14	32½	35
M & S	360	24½	31½	35½	1½	7½	10½
(*380½)	390	5½	14	20½	13	22	24½
Nat West	500	15½	31½	39	13	20½	28
(*500)	550	1½	12½	19	50	53	59
Sainsbury	390	32½	39	45	1	8½	11
(*419)	420	10½	19	27½	9½	20½	23½
Shell	700	26	35	48	9½	17½	24
(*723½)	750	3	13	24	45	48	52½
Smkl Bch	500	25	37½	47½	7	15½	21
(*516)	550	3½	14½	24	36	42½	47½
Storehse	200	16	21	24	1½	5	6
(*214)	220	4	9	13	8	14	15
Trafalgar	50	9	11	13	0	1½	2
(*59)	60	2½	5	7½	2	5½	6
Unilever	1150	37½	58½	83½	17	29½	37½
(*1180½)	1200	10	33½	57	48	56½	63½
Zeneca	850	29½	55½	72	19	32½	42
(*854½)	900	10½	32½	49	50½	60	69
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Grnd Met	360	26	31½	37½	5	10½	12
(*377)	390	10	15½	22	18½	24½	26½
Ladbroke	160	12	17	20	4	7	9½
(*170½)	180	3	8	11	16	18½	20½
Utd Bisc	330	17½	27	32½	12½	17	20½
(*342)	360	6½	15½	19½	32	35	38

	Series	Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
BAA	420	14	24	31½	8	16	19
(*425)	450	2½	—	—	27	—	—
Thames W	460	22½	32	37½	5	21½	23½
(*474½)	500	5½	13	18½	27½	46	47
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAT Ind	420	21	30½	36	13½	22½	26½
(*438)	460	5½	13½	19	40½	48	50½
BTR	300	29½	34	37½	3½	7	11
(*329)	330	8	16½	21	16½	20	25
Br Aero	487	23½	—	—	17	—	—
(*490)	536	6½	—	—	48½	—	—
Br Telcm	360	21½	28	33	5½	13	15½
(*370)	390	6½	13	17½	22	30	32½
Cadbury	409	34	45	—	4	8	—
(*434½)	447	11	22½	—	19	24	—
Guinness	420	13	22	27	16	19½	23
(*422)	460	3	8½	12½	47½	49	50½
GEC	280	15½	21	23½	4½	11½	13½
(*287)	300	6	10½	14	15½	23	24½
Hanson	220	22½	25	27	1½	4	6
(*239)	240	8½	12½	15	7½	11½	14½
LASMO	140	15½	19	23	2	4	5
(*152)	160	4½	8	12	11	13	14
Lucas	180	15	21	24½	4½	7½	11½
(*190)	200	5	12	15	15	18	22½
Pilkngtn	160	11½	14	17½	3	6½	8
(*167)	180	2½	5	8½	14	17½	19
Prudential	300	11	18	21½	12	15	18½
(*307)	330	1½	7	10	34	35½	37½
Redland	420	22	27½	33	16½	22½	27½
(*434)	460	5	12	17½	46	49½	52½
R-Royce	160	6½	12	14	8½	11	12½
(*160)	180	1½	5½	7½	24	25	26
Tesco	240	21	24	27	3	6	8
(*257½)	260	7½	12½	16½	12	15	17½
Vodafone	180	19½	24	28½	2½	6	8
(*194)	200	7½	12½	17½	10½	15	17
Williams	300	22½	26½	29½	5½	9½	14½
(*318½)	330	5	11½	15	22½	26	30

FT-SE INDEX (*3047½)

	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150
Calls						
Mar	157	108	61½	22	3½	1
Apr	165	125	88½	59½	37	21
May	185	148½	115	86	62½	42
Jun	197	160½	130	101	78½	57
Dec	287½	—	226½	—	173½	—
Puts						
Mar	1	1	4	16	52½	102½
Apr	15	25	39	59½	86½	120½
May	27½	41	57	77½	109½	134
Jun	39	52	70½	91	118	146½
Dec	82½	—	119	—	164½	—

	Series	Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat.	420	16½	33	40	0½	9½	15
(*436)	460	0	13	19½	24	30	35
Amstrad	150	14	19½	—	0	3½	—
(*164)	175	0½	6½	—	11	15	—
Barclays	550	48½	64	74	0	6½	13½
(*598½)	600	2½	30	42	3½	22½	32
Blue Circ	260	13	20	27	0	10	15½
(*273)	280	1	10	17½	7½	21	26½
Br Gas	280	7	15½	18½	0½	9½	12½
(*287)	300	0	5½	10	13	22½	24½
Dixons	200	7½	17½	19½	0½	6½	11½
(*207½)	230	0	8	10	12½	17	21½
Forte	220	15	19½	23½	0	6	9
(*235)	240	1	8½	13	5	16	18½
Hillsdwn	160	12½	14½	16½	0	5	7½
(*172½)	180	0½	3½	7	7½	17½	19
Lonrho	130	7	13½	16	0½	4½	7
(*137)	140	1	8	11	3	9	11½
Sears	90	8½	10	12	0	1½	2½
(*98½)	100	0½	3½	6½	1½	6½	7½
Thrn Emi	1000	25	60	71	0½	17½	36
(*1024½)	1050	0½	32	42½	26	41	62
Tomkins	220	11½	20	24	0	9½	10½
(*231)	240	0½	9½	13½	9	15	20½
TSB	220	12	22½	27	0½	7	10½
(*232)	240	0½	12	16½	9	16½	20½
Wellcome	1000	51½	54½	63½	0	4½	6½
(*1051½)	1050	2½	18	26	8½	27	25
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Glaxo	650	55	73½	84	4½	14½	27
(*697)	700	21	42	54	21	34	49½
HSBC	650	24	43	57½	23	38	48½
(*665½)	700	5	23	37½	59½	69	78½
Reuter	420	31	43½	52½	4	12½	16
(*449½)	460	8	22	31½	23	31½	35
	Series	May	Jul	Oct	May	Jul	Oct
Royal Ins	280	19	24	29½	7½	11	16½
(*288)	300	9	14	19½	18	21½	26½
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Fisons	140	10	16½	21½	0½	7½	11
(*149½)	160	0½	7½	13	11	18½	22
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastern Gp	550	57	71½	77	9	23½	28½
(*592½)	600	27	43	50	26½	48½	53½
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Natl Pwr	420	16	30	34	0½	13	17
(*436)	460	0	10	16½	24	37½	40
Scot Pwr	300	20½	30½	36	0	6	11½
(*320½)	330	0	13	19½	9½	18	26½

March 14, 1995 Tot: 37229 Call: 22338 Put: 14891 FT-SE Call: 10181 Put: 8230
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Mar 95	3009.0	3058.0	3007.0	3057.0	20977
Previous open interest: 68027	Jun 95	3015.0	3063.0	3013.0	3061.5	12026
FT-SE 250	Mar 95	3320.0	3345.0	3320.0	3327.5	2158
Previous open interest: 4410	Jun 95	3341.0	3367.0	3341.0	3350.0	2158
Three Month Sterling	Mar 95	93.22	93.28	93.22	93.26	17410
Previous open interest: 447935	Jun 95	92.39	92.59	92.37	92.55	50389
	Sep 95	91.92	92.11	91.91	92.10	18173
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 95	93.50	93.50	93.50	93.54	50
Previous open interest: 1184	Sep 95				93.34	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 95	94.76	94.78	94.73	94.77	28856
Previous open interest: 722463	Sep 95	94.46	94.47	94.42	94.46	26034
Long Gilt	Mar 95	101-15	102-16	101-15	102-15	681
Previous open interest: 92624	Jun 95	101-21	102-21	101-19	102-19	83375
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 95	111.30	111.40	111.25	111.27	2201
	Sep 95	-			110.84	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 95	90.59	91.39	90.53	91.33	173336
Previous open interest: 157102	Sep 95	90.78	90.79	90.79	90.83	267
Three month ECU	Jun 95	92.93	93.06	92.91	93.05	2385
Previous open interest: 18984	Sep 95	92.86	92.97	92.84	92.96	710
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 95	96.07	96.15	96.06	96.10	3991
Previous open interest: 31973	Sep 95	95.78	95.86	95.78	95.84	663
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 95	93.05	93.80	92.77	93.53	28301
Previous open interest: 49244	Sep 95				92.53	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7½ Low 5½ Week fixed: 5½
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6½; 3 mth 6½. Sell: 2 mth 6½; 3 mth: 6½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6¼-6⅛	6⅝-6½	6¾-6⅝	6¾-6½	
Sterling Money Rates:	6¼-6⅛	6⅝-6½	6¾-6⅝	7⅛-7	7⅝-7½
Interbank:	6¼-6⅛	6⅝-6½	6¾-6⅝	7⅛-7	7⅝-7½

Overnight: open 5¼, close 8.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6¼	n/a	6¾	7⅛	7¾
Sterling CDs:	6⅛-6	6½-6⅜	6⅝-6½	7⅛-6⅞	7½-7⅜
Dollar CDs:	6.03	n/a	6.15	6.32	6.59
Building Society CDs:	6¼-6⅛	6⅝-6½	6¾-6⅝	7⅛-7	7⅝-7½

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1995 to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.87%. Reference rate Dec 31, 1994 to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V: 6.624 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6-5½	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-6	6⅜-6¼	5⅝-4⅝
Deutschemark:	4⅞-4⅝	4⅞-4¾	5¼-4⅞	5⅝-5½	5-4½
French Franc:	8⅛-6⅞	8⅛-6⅞	8⅛-6⅞	8⅛-6⅞	9-7
Swiss Franc:	3⅞-3⅝	3⅞-3⅝	3⅞-3⅝	4-3⅝	4½-3½
Yen:	2¼-2	2¼-2⅛	2¼-2	2¼-2	2⅛-1½

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $385.50-385.90 Close: $384.80-385.30 High: $385.50-385.90 Low: $384.10-384.60 AM: $385.20 PM: $384.70
Krugerrand: $385.50-387.50 (£243.00-245.00)
Platinum: $422.00 (£266.10) Silver: $4.70 (£2.965) Palladium: $159.75 (£100.75)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for March 14	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5036-2.5192	2.5144-2.5177	¼-⅛pr	1-⅞pr
Brussels	46.14-46.46	46.24-46.35	par-4ds	2-6ds
Copenhagen	8.9750-9.0370	8.9840-8.9860	⅛-1⅛ds	⅜-2⅛ds
Dublin	1.0045-1.0080	1.0047-1.0073	2-8ds	10-16ds
Frankfurt	2.2319-2.2455	2.2400-2.2431	⅝-½pr	1⅝-1½pr
Lisbon	235.16-237.15	236.47-237.10	71-79ds	230-244ds
Madrid	203.93-206.44	203.95-204.25	61-76ds	156-175ds
Milan	2656.50-2702.60	2656.50-2666.20	9-11ds	26-29ds
Montreal	2.2428-2.2538	2.2464-2.2495	0.31-0.43ds	0.52-0.69ds
New York	1.5836-1.5870	1.5860-1.5870	0.04-0.02pr	0.17-0.12pr
Oslo	9.9710-10.0360	9.9710-9.9860	1⅛-¼pr	3⅝-2⅝pr
Paris	7.9390-8.0060	7.9390-7.9530	1⅛-1⅛ds	3⅝-4⅛ds
Stockholm	11.4150-11.5860	11.4150-11.4390	1⅝-2⅝ds	5⅛-6⅛ds
Tokyo	144.08-144.71	144.08-144.34	¾-⅝pr	1⅝-1½pr
Vienna	15.70-15.83	15.76-15.80	2⅛-2⅛pr	8⅛-6⅛pr
Zurich	1.8591-1.8724	1.8648-1.8676	¾-⅝pr	1⅝-1⅛pr

Source: Extel Premium · pr. Discount · ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3426-1.3435
Austria	9.94-9.95
Belgium (Com)	29.19-29.20
Canada	1.4152-1.4157
Denmark	5.6787-5.6807
France	5.0260-5.0290
Germany	1.4135-1.4140
Hong Kong	7.7312-7.7322
Ireland	1.5718-1.5758
Italy	1678.00-1678.10
Japan	91.27-91.32
Malaysia	2.5510-2.5520
Netherlands	1.5853-1.5858
Norway	6.3050-6.3080
Portugal	148.55-148.65
Singapore	1.4180-1.4190
Spain	128.73-128.83
Sweden	7.2298-7.2373
Switzerland	1.1760-1.1770

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5865-1.5891
Australia dollar	2.1281-2.1309
Bahrain dinar	0.593-0.605
Brazil real*	1.3945-1.3986
Cyprus pound	0.7075-0.7175
Finland markka	6.9475-7.0635
Greece drachma	360.50-367.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.2462-12.2555
India rupee	50.14-51.10
Kuwait dinar KD	0.465-0.475
Malaysia ringgit	4.0421-4.0462
Mexico peso	n/a
New Zealand dollar	2.4366-2.4400
Pakistan rupee	48.55 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.900-6.026
Singapore dollar	2.2467-2.2497
S Africa rand (fin)	n/a
S Africa rand (com)	5.7484-5.7553
U A E dirham	5.7775-5.9015

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3I	198	Legal & Gn	1,800
ASDA Gp	10,000	Lloyds Bk	5,400
Abbey Natl	2,300	MEPC	218
Alld Dom	1,500	Marks Spr	4,300
Argyll Gp	2,100	NatWst Bk	2,700
Arjo Wiggn	8,000	Nat Power	5,900
AB Foods	171	Nth Wst W	707
BAA	3,100	P & O	1,300
BAT Inds	3,600	Pearson	1,100
BOC	778	PowerGen	1,900
BP	5,800	Prudential	3,900
BTR	13,000	RMC	895
BT	10,000	RTZ	3,700
Bk of Scot	2,600	Rank Org	652
Barclays	3,100	Reckitt Col	2,400
Bass	2,300	Redland	1,300
Blue Circle	2,200	Reed Intl	1,700
Boots	3,100	Rentokil	3,200
Bowater	2,600	Reuters	5,200
Brit Aero	2,100	Rolls Royce	3,200
Brit Airwys	5,100	Ryl Ins	3,700
Brit Gas	6,000	Ryl Bk Scot	661
Brit Steel	1,900	Sainsbury	1,300
Burmah Cstl	93	Schroders	47
Cable Wire	2,700	Scot & New	1,400
Cadbury	2,600	Scot Power	2,200
Caradon	1,500	Sears	8,200
Carlton Cms	906	Svrn Trent	691
Cm Union	2,500	Shell Trans	4,000
Courtaulds	256	Siebe	992
De La Rue	940	SmKl Bch	3,300
Eastern Elec	1,300	Smith Nph	2,100
Enterpr Oil	4,700	Sthern Elec	1,100
Forte	3,000	Std Chartd	2,700
GKN	640	Sun Allnce	2,700
GRE	588	TI Gp	1,500
GUS	536	TSB	11,000
Gen Acc	1,300	Tesco	4,100
Gen Elec	2,200	Thames W	1,400
Glaxo	7,800	Thrn EMI	1,100
Granada	872	Tomkins	7,300
Grand Met	4,300	Unilever	1,200
Guinness	3,000	Utd Bisc	905
HSBC	2,400	Vodafone	35,000
Hanson	6,900	Warburg (SG)	365
ICI	1,800	Wellcome	950
Inchcape	3,200	Whitbread	396
Kingfisher	4,600	Wlms Hld	1,600
Ladbroke	1,700	Wolseley	5,200
Land Secs	1,600	Zeneca	4,000

WALL STREET

	Mar 14 midday	Mar 13 close
AMP Inc	37½	37½
AMR Corp	62½	62
AT & T	51¼	50½
Abbott Labs	36¼	36½
Advanced Micro	34¼	34¼
Aetna Life	55½	54½
Ahmanson (HF)	17½	17½
Air Prod & Chem	49½	48¼
Albertson's	32	31½
Alcan Alumnm	24½	24¼
Alco Standard	70¼	69¼
Allied Signal	38¼	38¼
Alum Co of Am	38	38½
Amax Gold Inc	5	5¼
Amerada Hess	49¼	49¼
Amer Brands	37¼	37¼
Amer El Power	32½	32½
Amer Express	33½	33
Amer Genl Corp	31½	30¼
Amer Home Pr	72½	71½
Amer Intl	104½	103¼
Amer Stores	24¼	24½
Ameritech	43½	43½
Amoco	60½	60¼
Anheuser-Busch	57¼	57¼
Apple Computer	36¼	38¼
Archer Daniels	19¼	19¼
Armco	7½	7
Armstrng Wrld	46	46½
Asarco	24½	25½
Ashland Oil	33½	33
Atl Richfield	112	112¼
Auto Data Pro	63¼	63½
Avery Dennison	38½	38½
Avon Products	55½	54½
Baker Hughes	20	20¼
Baltim Gas & El	23¼	23½
Banc One	27½	27¼
BankAmerica	47½	47¼
Bank of NY	31½	30¼
Bankers Tr NY	50¼	51½
Barnett Banks	43¼	43¼
Bausch & Lomb	34	34½
Baxter Intl	32¼	32¼
Bectn Dicknsn	56½	56
Bell Atlantic	53¼	53¼
BellSouth	58¼	58¼
Black & Decker	26½	26¼
Block (H&R)	42¼	40
Boeing	49¼	46¼
Boise Cascade	31½	32¼
Borden Inc	13½	13¼
Bristol Myrs Sq	63½	62¼
Browning Ferris	32½	32
Brunswick	20	19¼
Burlington Nthn	58¼	57¼
CBS	67	67
CNA Financial	73	73
CPC Intl	54½	54
CSX	76¼	76½
Campbell Soup	48	46½
Can Pacific	13½	13½
Cptl Cities ABC	89¼	89
Carolina Pwr	26½	26¼
Caterpillar	49½	48¼
Central & SW	24¼	24½
Champion Intl	39¼	39¼
Chase Manhat	34½	35
Chemical Bk	38¼	36¼
Chevron Corp	47½	47¼
Chrysler	41½	42
Chubb Corp	78	77¼
Cigna Corp	74½	74¼
Citicorp	41½	41½
Clorox	61¼	61¼
Coastal Corp	29	29¼
Coca Cola	56¼	56¼
Colgate-Palmolive	64½	63½
Columbia Gas	26¼	26
Compaq Comp	32½	33
Comp Ass Int	62½	62
Conagra	32½	32½
Conrail	54½	57½
Cons Edison	27½	26¼
Cons Nat Gas	36½	36½
Cooper Inds	39	39
Corning Inc	32¼	32½
Crown Cork	43½	42¼
Dana Corp	24¼	23½
Dayton Hudson	69½	69¼
Deere	76	75½
Delta Air Lines	57	56¼
Deluxe Corp	27	27½
Detroit Edison	28½	28¼
Digital Equip	33½	33¼
Dillard Dept St	25¼	25½
Disney (Walt)	55½	54½
Dominion Res	36½	36¼
Donelley (RR)	34¼	34½
Dover Corp	59¼	59½
Dow Chemical	67	66½
Dow Jones	36	35¼
Dresser	20½	20¼
Duke Power	38¼	38¼
Dun & Brdstreet	54½	53¼
Du Pont	56½	55¼
Eastman Kodak	52½	52½
Eaton Corp	50¼	50
Emerson Elec	64¼	64¼
Engelhard Corp	26½	26½

	Mar 14 midday	Mar 13 close
Enron Corp	33¼	33½
Entergy	21	20¼
Ethyl Corp	10½	10½
Exxon	65¼	65
FMC Corp	61½	60½
FPL Group	35½	34¼
Federal Express	66	65½
Fed Nat Mtge	76½	76½
First Chicago	48¼	48¼
First Interstate	78¼	78½
First Union Rlty	7½	7½
Fleet Finl Grp	31½	31½
Fluor Corp	48	47¼
Ford Motor	26½	26¼
GTE Corp	34	33½
Gannett	53½	53¼
Gap Inc Del	31½	31½
Gen Dynamics	46¼	45¼
Gen Electric	55	54½
Gen Mills	64½	63½
Gen Motors	42½	42¼
Gen Reinsurance	129½	127
Gen Signal	36¼	36¼
Genuine Parts	39½	39½
Georgia Pac	73	73½
Gillette	81½	80¼
Glaxo ADR	22	21½
Goodrich (BF)	43¼	42¼
Goodyear Tire	35¼	36
Grace (W&R)	47¼	48¼
Grt Atl Pac Tea	21¼	21½
Great Wstn Fin	18	17¼
Halliburton	37½	37½
Harcourt General	40	40¼
Heinz (HJ)	39¼	39
Hercules	44¼	45¼
Hershey Foods	49¼	48¼
Hewlett Packard	120	120½
Hilton Hotels	69½	69½
Home Depot	44½	44½
Homestake Mng	16½	16¼
Honeywell	37½	37
Household Intl	43½	43½
Houston Inds	39	38½
Humana	23¼	23½
ITT Corp	98¼	97¼
Illinois Tool	45¼	44¼
Illinova	22½	22½
INCO	26¼	26½
Ingersoll Rand	30¼	30¼
Inland Steel	25	25
Intel Corp	82¼	81½
IBM	82¼	82½
Intl Flav & Fr	51½	50½
Intl Paper	71¼	72½
James River Va	24½	24¼
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	60½	60¼
Kellogg	57¼	56½
Kerr-McGee	50¼	50¼
Kimberly-Clark	52	51½
Kmart	12½	12¼
Knight-Ridder	54¼	54¼
Lilly (Eli)	68½	68½
Limited Inc	18½	18¼
LIN Brdcstng	121½	121½
Lincoln Nat	40¼	40½
Litton	33½	34
Liz Claiborne	14½	15
Lockheed	82½	79½
Louisiana Pac	27½	27¼
MCI Comm	20¼	20
Marriott Int	34	33½
Marsh & McLnn	84½	83½
Masco Corp	25½	25½
May Dept St	33½	34¼
Maytag Corp	16½	16½
McDonalds	35½	34¼
McDonnell D	55½	57¼
McGraw Hill	70¼	69¼
Mead Corp	52½	52½
Medtronic	64½	63½
Mellon Bk	38¼	38¼
Melville Corp	31½	31½
Merck Inc	42¼	42
Merrill Lynch	43½	43
Minnesota Mine	56¼	55¼
Mobil Corp	89½	89½
Monsanto	77¼	78¼
Morgan (JP)	60¼	61
Motorola Inc	58½	57¼
Natl Medical	14½	15
Natl Semi	17½	17½
Natl Service Ind	26½	26½
Navistar Int	12½	12¼
NBD Bancorp	31¼	30½
NY Times A	21½	21½
Newmont Mng	39¼	39½
Niag Mohawk	14½	14½
Nike B	76¼	77½
NL Industries	12½	12¼
Noram Energy	5½	5½
Nordstrom	37½	37½
Norfolk Sthrn	65¼	65¼
Nthn State Pwr	43½	43½
Norwest Corp	25½	25½
Nynex Corp	39½	39½
Occidental Pet	20½	20¼
Ohio Edison	20½	20
Oracle Systems	33½	33½
Oryx Energy Co	11½	11

	Mar 14 midday	Mar 13 close
Owens Corning	34½	34½
PPG Industries	35½	35½
PNC Bank	24½	24½
Paccar Inc	43½	43
Pacificorp	18½	18½
Pac Enterprises	23½	24
Pac Gas & Elect	24½	24½
Pac Telesis	30¼	29½
Pall Corp	21½	20½
Panhandle East	22½	22½
Parker Hannifin	44¼	44½
Peco Energy	25½	25½
Penney (JC)	43	43½
Pennzoil	47½	49½
Pepsico	40	39½
Pfizer	83½	82½
Phelps Dodge	53½	52½
Philip Morris	63½	63½
Phillips Pet	35¼	35½
Pitney Bowes	35½	35½
Polaroid	32½	32½
PriceCostco	13½	12½
Procter & Gmbl	68	67½
Providian	35½	35
Pub Serv E & G	27½	27½
Quaker Oats	32¼	32½
Ralston Purina	49¼	49½
Raychem Corp	40	40
Raytheon	70	70
Reebok Intl	35¼	35¼
Reynolds Metals	48¼	48
Roadway Srvcs	50½	49
Rockwell Intl	39½	39½
Rohm & Haas	53½	53½
Royal Dutch	116	115½
Rubbermaid	32½	33½
Safeco Corp	55½	55½
St Paul's Cos	50½	50½
Salomon Inc	33½	33½
Santa Fe Pac	22½	22¼
Sara Lee Corp	27	26½
Scecorp	15½	15½
Schering Plough	76½	77
Schlumberger	58½	58½
Scott Paper	82¼	82½
Seagram	30½	30¼
Sears Roebuck	50½	50½
Shell Trans	68½	68½
Sherwin Wlms	34¼	34½
Skyline Corp	18½	18½
Snap-On-Tools	34½	34½
Southern Co	20	19½
Stwestern Bell	41½	41½
Sprint Corp	28½	28½
Stanley Works	41½	40¼
Sun Company	28¼	28½
Sun Microsys	32½	32½
Suntrust	53½	53½
Supervalu	26½	26½
Sysco Corp	27¼	27
TRW Inc	66½	66½
TCC Inds	2½	2½
Tandem Comp	17½	16½
Tandy Corp	47½	46½
Teledyne	23½	22½
Temple Inland	47½	47½
Tenneco	46	45½
Texaco	65½	65
Texas Inst	89½	89½
Texas Utilities	31½	31½
Textron	55½	55
Time Warner	39	38
Times-Mirror A	18½	18¼
Timken	33½	33½
Torchmark	42½	41½
Toys R Us	24½	27¼
Transamerica	55	54½
Travelers	38½	38½
Tribune	55½	55½
Tyco Labs	52½	52½
UST Inc	30¼	29½
UAL	92½	92½
USX Marathon	17½	17½
Unicom	24½	24½
Unilever NV	120½	120½
Union Camp	50½	49½
Union Carbide	28½	27½
Union Pacific	52½	51½
Unisys Corp	9½	9¼
USAIR Group	5½	5½
USF&G Corp	14½	13½
US Life	36½	36½
US West	40½	40
United Tech	66½	66½
Unocal Corp	28½	28½
Upjohn	35½	35½
VF Corp	50½	50½
WMX Tech	27½	27
Wal-Mart Stores	24½	24½
Warner-Lambert	77½	76½
Wells Fargo	159½	158
Westinghouse El	14½	14½
Weyerhaeuser	38½	38½
Whirlpool	52½	52½
Whitman	18	18
Winn Dixie	56½	56½
Woolworth	16½	16
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	46	48½
Xerox	114½	114½
Yellow Corp	17½	17½

Bid battle begins for fast track to Europe

Four groups want the Channel Tunnel rail link contract, says **Ross Tieman**

Today could be the beginning of a golden age for Britain's railways. In road-ringed Croydon, south London, officials will begin to examine bids to build Britain's longest new railway for 90 years. At a cost of more than £2.7 billion, or £31.4 million a mile, the 86-mile Channel Tunnel rail link will rank among the most expensive railways in the world.

The stage was set yesterday with minimum fuss. Four huge bundles of files were delivered to the headquarters of Union Railways, the Transport Department's project company in Croydon. One submission, running to 7,000 pages, arrived in a 7½-tonne truck. On average, each bid, made up of seven options, is reckoned to weigh a tonne and a half.

Seduced by the charms of a £1 billion-plus government dowry, four formidable consortiums have applied to build Britain's first real high-speed railway, stretching from Folkestone, at the mouth of the Channel Tunnel, to St Pancras station in London.

After an interminable argument about the need for the link, and the appropriate route, the Government is now keen to get work under way. The invitation to tender talks of a five-year construction project. Services would begin, at the earliest, in the year 2002.

Without the link, the Government says, traffic growth would cause demand to exceed capacity on rail routes to the Channel early in the next century. With it, the journey time from London to Paris will be cut to 2 hours and 30 minutes, while the time from London to Brussels, city centre to city centre, will be cut to 2 hours and 10 minutes.

And so they may. But that is not why four of the most powerful industrial consortiums ever assembled in Britain sent their proposals to Croydon yesterday. A half-hour saving on the journey from London to Paris is not going to repay a £2.7 billion investment, let alone make the fortunes of those involved.

Yet the contest to build the link is beginning to make the battle for the National Lottery resemble a playground scrap. Three heavyweight peers of the realm and a knowledgeable knight have been recruited to lead the syndicates and spearhead their political lobbying.

The list of bidders and advisers makes impressive reading. There is Lord Parkinson, the former Transport Secretary, fronting Eurorail CTRL, the all-British bid. Batting for Germany is the cricket fan and former Governor of the Bank of England, Lord Kingsdown, at the head of Green Arrow. Sir Derek Hornby, a former British Rail board member who now heads the British Overseas Trade Board, is fronting the consultancy-led London and Continental consortium. And Lord Carrington, a former Foreign Secretary, is employing his skills at Union Link.

Each group has funded a team of 100 or more engineers and experts to work up its bid over almost a year. The cost of bidding, for each consortium, probably tops £5 million.

So what is the attraction? Consider the nature of the opportunity. The winning bidder will be given, for nothing, European Passenger Services, the Department of Transport company that operates city-to-city trains through the Channel Tunnel in partnership with French and Belgian railways.

Documents filed at Companies House show a debt-free business with an £800 million balance sheet, including a fleet of high-speed trains, and a staff of 1,200. In addition, the winner will be given the Waterloo International station; St Pancras, the site for the new terminal; and several hundred acres of development land at Kings Cross and Stratford, east London.

Revenues from the international services will be channelled into funding construction of the high-speed link. This seems to be attractive. Trafalgar House, which was given the Dartford Tunnel to help to fund construction of its Dartford Bridge, is back in the fast-link bidding with the Eurorail group.

Some bidders see this essentially as a construction project. One senior executive, ignoring government efforts to silence the bidders, argues that the link will provide a platform for construction groups to win similar work worldwide. For design, build, finance and operate contracts are not simply a British phenomenon. Cash-strapped governments everywhere are contracting out infrastructure to the private sector.

Besides, British construction companies, faced with an evaporating government road-building programme, need the work. And some want to insulate themselves against the downs of the construction cycle by developing utility businesses, which are characterised by stable, and positive, cash flow.

But there is more to it than this. The winner of the project will secure partnership in a near monopoly over international rail services from Britain. It will also receive an immense ongoing flow of funds from operators of Kent commuter services for use of its track. Indeed, whoever wins the contract will become the lynchpin of Britain's railways in the private sector.

Forget the construction project. Think about privatisation of Britain's rail link with the Continent. The first objective of the successful bidder should be to maximise revenues from existing routes. Three consortiums have recruited airlines to advise on yield management. American Airlines is working for Eurorail; British Airways' Speedwing Consulting for Union Link. London & Continental is so focused on the transport system that it has both Virgin and National Express within its consortium.

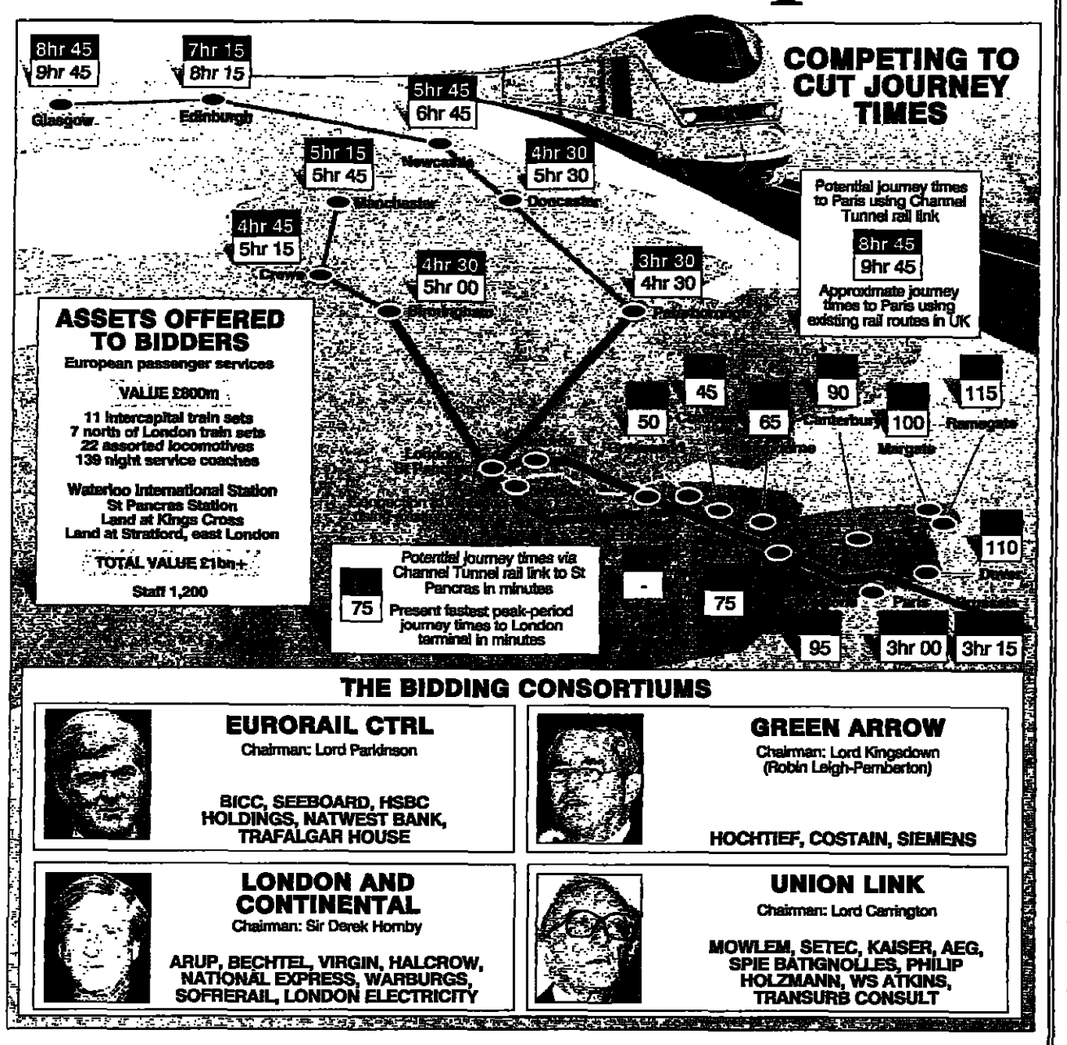
This makes sense. In the first three months of its "Discovery" service, EPS earned revenues of £30 million. But more than a quarter of the seats to Paris were empty. On the Brussels service, only one seat in four was occupied. Yet EPS expects to turn a profit in the year to March 1996.

Filling seats on Eurostar will turn it into an unregulated cash machine, cutting the amount of debt needed to fund the construction project, and transforming the construction economics. The winning consortium should, therefore, see itself, first and foremost, as a commercial transport undertaking.

That will shape the fast link required. Commuter revenues are critical. Up to 12 train "paths" each hour will be set aside for new domestic trains that will cut the journey time from London to Rochester to only 30 minutes. The journey time to Canterbury will be cut from 90 minutes to 55. Patterns of commuting will gradually be transformed. But those with vision will perceive a much greater opportunity. Experience in France, Spain and Japan shows that airlines are rarely able to compete successfully with high-speed trains on journeys under three hours. If the London-Paris journey time can be reduced, by the high-speed link, to 2 hours 30 minutes, then Rugby, Coventry, and Birmingham could also be brought into the catchment — but only if some trains could continue north without slackening their speed. For this reason, the West Coast Main Line must be upgraded to accept TGV technology, rather than some half-hearted compromise.

By the same measure, extension of high-speed track beyond Brussels could bring a clutch of north German cities, including Cologne, Dusseldorf and Bonn, within the three hours by train. With its high, fixed costs and low avoidable costs, experts say that provided the railway fills its trains, it will be able to beat the airlines hands down on both price and frequency of service.

If they are right, the company owning the Channel Tunnel Rail Link will be able to expand as a leading railway operator, both in Britain and overseas. The rewards will not flow overnight. But owning EPS should make this a copper-bottomed investment that will one day become an independent, and highly profitable FTSE-100 company. No wonder the bidding is intense.



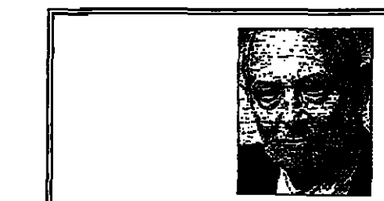
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ANTHONY HARRIS

Steady Eddie shows up the market men

This column is not the first place you might look for praise of Eddie George; but justice is justice. The simplest way to stop silly proprietary trading by our fee-starved investment banks is not, it now appears, tighter official supervision. It is to put the Governor in direct charge. His cool judgment in what was being reported as a full-blown currency crisis could teach the traders how to tell a trend from a wobble. Currencies, as he saw, were simply caught in the wash of other disasters.

The good news is that contrary to much alarmed commentary, the markets seem to be becoming more rational, not less. During the 1980s, market trends were consistently overdone. First sterling, and then the dollar, went up 50 per cent, and then returned to their starting point. Equity markets boiled over in 1987, property in 1989. But since these shocks, and with the notable exception of the bonds market, the day of the self-sustaining speculative trend seems to have passed. The Dow took five years to retrace its 1987 losses, and has since responded ultra-cautiously to a huge rise in earnings. London is trapped in a trading range.

To be sure, real crises still cause financial turbulence. The collapse of the Mexican dream seems to have caused that rare event, a liquidation in the relevant mutual funds — unit holders are usually an object lesson in long-termism, but not what they see through as illusion. The ERM's persistent troubles reflect the real problems of misaligned exchange rates and unbalanced budgets; this dyspepsia is likely to prove chronic. But if you abstract from these genuine crises, what is remarkable is not the turbulence of markets, but their stability.

Is this simply a case of burnt children fearing the fire? There is an element of this. It is hard, for example, to find a broker with a clear view of anything these days. The bold forecast a market rise of 10 per cent or so, the cautious worry about whether the bond markets have now settled. But they lack the confidence either to go bargain-hunting or to go liquid. Even the craven investors of 1974, who sold London equities almost down to extinction, were acting according to their panicky beliefs. Now the only determination is to go on dithering.

However, while this may explain sluggish markets in relatively quiet times, it does not convincingly explain a lack of panic when things get turbulent — quite the contrary. And here it is surely possible, to put it no higher, that the credit should go to the very institutions which inspire the most irrational dread at the moment: the derivatives markets and their boldest clients, the hedge funds. It is here that you can still find that otherwise mythical creature of the text books, the stabilising speculator.

Of course, there have always been professionals who could see when prices were irrational: brokers who were reduced to foaming rage by the cowardice of their clients in 1974, bankers who knew, ten years later, that the dollar was in the danger zone. But they lacked the leverage to disturb a rampant market trend; but leverage is just what the hedge funds, operating with borrowed money in derivatives, can command. Now that they have it, markets are choppier, but less subject to tidal waves. Where they are lacking, as in property, catastrophes still happen.

The 1987 equity crash was in fact their first triumph. The subsequent official US report made this an accusation, but failed to ask what would have happened if the market had been left to go on its irrational way. Tokyo, where index derivatives are still a newish and narrow market, showed them: for 1987, read 1929. The other corrections for which they have been blamed also look like benefits if you think for more than a moment: Golden Wednesday, and even the boom in raw commodities. The first saved Mr Major, the second a multitude of mines and plantations on the edge of bankruptcy. So don't knock them: we need them.

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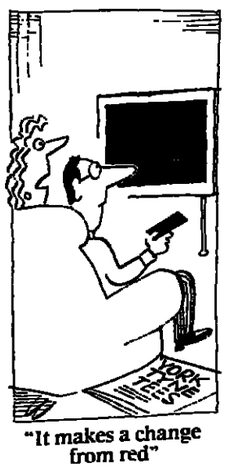
Double Lim-it

GOVERNMENT investigations are a family affair in Singapore. When Michael Lim, managing partner of Price Waterhouse was appointed by the finance minister to investigate the collapse of Barings Futures Singapore, it was like old times. Lim, or Lim Choo San to give him his formal Chinese name, is the younger brother of Lim Choo Peng who was the scourge of another British business 23 years ago. The elder Lim, now 50, was called in by Singapore's stock exchange to investigate dealings in Haw Par Brothers International, a Slater Walker subsidiary, and uncovered how it had smoothed profits using a hidden unit trust and a chain of subsidiaries, which caused much embarrassment in the wake of the collapse of Slater Walker. Lim minor can only hope to emulate his big brother.

NO SOONER had yesterday's City Diary arrived on breakfast tables telling of the antics of Lord King of Wartnaby's faithful dog, The Hon Joe, than Lord King phoned. Sadly, The Hon Joe has been run over by one of the farm vehicles and was buried on Monday.

Bank on the box

LLOYDS BANK is bringing a little decorum to the sponsorship of television game shows, hitherto the preserve of tabloid newspapers. LWT, which provides programmes for the London region at weekends, will start filming a new show later this month at its South Bank studios for screening in June. Lloyds has perhaps wisely chosen to back *A Seat on the Board*, in which captains of industry become captains of rival teams struggling with every day company crises. At the end of each programme, a studio audience will vote on which panel coped best with lost orders, bad debts and perhaps a little derivatives dabbling by a rogue director.



"It makes a change from red"

Own goal

TIMING is all. At 1.29pm yesterday, I received a fax from Sanderson Electronics announcing it had signed a major football sponsorship worth "a substantial seven figure sum" with Southampton Football Club. At 8.47am yesterday, BBC1 broke into its programme to announce that Southampton's goalkeeper, Bruce Grobbelaar, had been arrested ....

Slim fast plan

MONDAY night should have been a time of celebration for City restaurateur Chris "Chubbsie" Haynes at the opening of his latest eaterie, Eatons at Broadgate. Instead, the jovial *bon viveur* was in deep gloom having been ordered by his wife to lose weight. In fact, she told him that until he has shed enough so that he weighs less than double her trim seven stones, she is withdrawing him his conjugal rights. She told all the guests at the opening too.

COLIN CAMPBELL

Eric Reguly explains the significance of 2,500 job losses

C&W awaits the great leap forward

The news last week that HongKong Telecom, the biggest and most profitable holding within the Cable and Wireless empire, will shed 2,500 of its 16,000 jobs over the next three years was not a big event in itself.

Since 2,000 employees leave HongKong Telecom every year of their own accord, forced redundancies will not be needed and it will not face a profit-damaging restructuring charge. But investors in C&W, which owns 57.5 per cent of HongKong Telecom, should take notice. The job losses mark a key event in the long-term outlook of HongKong Telecom and, by extension, C&W itself.

HongKong Telecom is shedding jobs to cut costs in preparation for a new experience — competition. It loses its local telecoms monopoly this summer. In time, profit margins will fall as competitors claw their way into the market. Putting a value on C&W now takes on a new dimension. C&W's single most valuable asset no longer is HongKong Telecom: it is HKT's long-distance arm, its one remaining monopoly.

There is no other large British company that is so dominated by a foreign holding. HongKong Telecom generates about two-thirds of C&W's operating profit and its market capitalisation of about £7.6 billion represents more than 90 per cent of the total market capitalisation of the C&W group.

An exercise in simple subtraction concludes that all of C&W's other operations, including Mercury Communications in Britain and Optus Communications in Australia, are worth only about £600 million even though they generate £3 billion annual turnover and £400 million in operating profit.

Whatever happens to HongKong Telecom, in other words, is of vital importance to C&W. The loss of its local monopoly will be of no dire consequence in the short term. Despite being insulated from competition, the company never allowed itself to become fat and lazy like British Telecom did before it was exposed to market forces.

HongKong Telecom has an all-fibre network that will be hard for anyone to duplicate, and, more importantly, its local calls are free.

In the longer term, however, some market share erosion is inevitable as entrants find ways to compete in areas such as data services and line-rental charges. Cable companies, which plan to offer both TV and telephony services, as they do in Britain, are expected to be the strongest competitors.

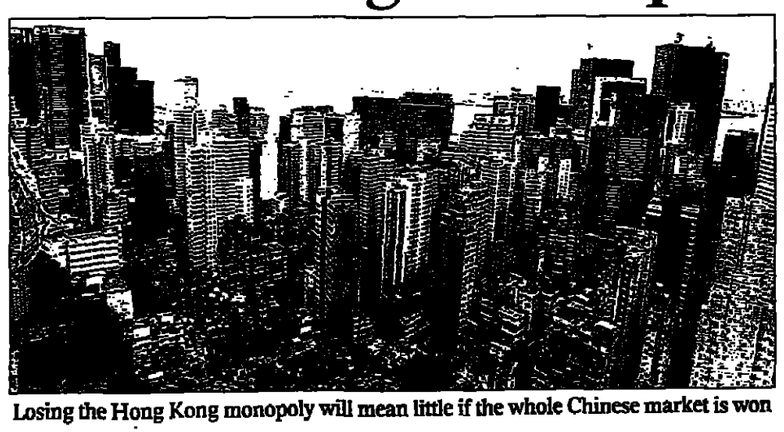
New mobile-phone operators will put additional pressure on HongKong Telecom. Hutchison Telecom, the Hong Kong company whose parent recently launched Orange, the mobile-phone network in Britain, has become almost as big as HongKong Tel's own mobile-phone service. Six additional mobile-phone licences are scheduled to be awarded this year.

With HongKong Telecom's local monopoly broken, the company's long-distance monopoly, its main earning generator, becomes all the more important. Although the privilege lasts until 2006, it knows it cannot test the patience of Peking, which takes control of Hong Kong in two years. It is conceivable that Peking will dismantle the monopoly before 2006, but given its commitment to "one country, two systems," it appears that HongKong Telecom and C&W have little to worry about.

But analysts give warning that Peking is unlikely to tolerate the current high cost of making calls from Hong Kong to other Chinese cities. A recent Paribas Capital Markets report said: "We believe it is inevitable that there will be some reduction in tariffs due to price pressure from the Chinese authorities."

In the end, HongKong Telecom's future depends on its relationship with Peking. With competition developing on the home front, the company naturally will look to China to sustain its historic high growth rates.

A favourable relationship could put HongKong Telecom at the forefront of developing telecoms networks in China. A bad one could shut it out of the largest developing economy in world. Now more than ever, C&W investors will have to pay close attention to economic and political developments on the other side of the world to judge the value of holdings.



Losing the Hong Kong monopoly will mean little if the whole Chinese market is won

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Soaring sales of suppressant boost Medeva

By Sarah Bagnall

STRONG organic growth fuelled by soaring sales of the suppressant Methylphenidate helped Medeva to beat market expectations with a 35 per cent leap in profits.

Pre-tax profits for the year to December 31 increased from £46.1 million to £64.2 million, topping the range of market forecasts of £58 million to £61 million. The shares rose 15p to 196p in heavy trading as 4.4 million shares changed hands. The shares have partly recovered from the July 1993 profit warning that sent them sliding 104p to 122p.

The rise in profits was achieved on the back of sales of £240 million, up 20 per cent. Of the £40 million growth in sales, 18 per cent was due to organic growth. The star performer was Methylphenidate, used to supress disruptive or anti-social behaviour in children, which saw sales leap from £35 million to £66 million. Bill Bogie, chief executive, said the performance benefitted from a 32 per cent increase in prescription sales, coupled with some one-off factors. Looking forward, Mr Bogie said that sales of Methylphenidate, which is off patent, were expected to grow by about 30 per cent.

Overall underlying sales of the group's ten major products, which contributed 68 per cent of total sales, rose 30 per cent. Excluding methylphenidate sales rose 7 per cent.

Mr Bogie said the group was well placed to benefit from the upheaval in the pharmaceutical industry. "Whilst no pharmaceutical company is immune to these changes, we believe that Medeva can flourish in this new environment."

Medeva's strategy is to buy, or licence in, products late in their development phase but which operate in markets with strong natural barriers to entry. This is illustrated by Methylphenidate, a product that has been around for 35 years and was acquired by Medeva in 1991 for $77 million. Since its purchase sales have soared.

Mr Bogie said the prospects for Hepagene, the group's Hepatitis B vaccine acquired in 1992, were exciting. "It has the potential to transform the group," he said. Hepagene is effective for people with a high degree of resistance to usual vaccines, a annual market of up to 1.5 million people. It may also prove effective in treating the world's 300 million carriers of Hepatitis B.

Group margins rose from 61 per cent to 65 per cent and research and development costs rose from 6 per cent to 7 per cent of sales.

The final dividend , is lifted from 1.8p to 2.2p, making a total for the year of 3.3p, compared to 2.7p last time. Earnings per share rose from 11.8p to 14.6p.

PETER TRIEVNOR



Robert Easton, chief executive, said strong export growth was the driving force behind the advance in profits

SAS places order for 35 Boeings

Scandinavian Airline Systems, the leading Nordic carrier and equity partner of British Midland, has placed an 8.5 billion Swedish kronor (£733 million) for 35 Boeing aircraft after last year flying back into the black.

News of the aircraft order coincided yesterday with the release of final 1994 figures, which showed a pre-tax profit of 1.51 billion kronor after a 492 million kronor loss in 1993, when its plan to merge with the Swiss, Austrian and Dutch national carriers was grounded.

The firm aircraft order for Boeing 737-600s, includes options to buy another 35 planes. The aircraft will replace planes in danger of failing tougher environmental and economy standards and marks a gradual phase-out of the McDonnell Douglas DC-9 and Fokker F28s. Delivery of the aircraft starts in 1998.

Profits leap

Wellington Holdings, the polymer products manufacturer, saw pre-tax profits leap 53 per cent to £4.1 million in the year to December 31. The rise was achieved on the back of record sales of £47.9 million, up by nearly 12 per cent. The final dividend, due on May 24, is 4.3p, making a total for the year of 5.5p.

Britton ahead

Acquisitions and organic growth helped Britton Group, the fast-growing folding cartons and polythene packaging group, to a surge in pre-tax profits to £10.7 million in the year to December 31, against £2.73 million last time. Turnover, driven up by acquisitions, rocketed to £121.4 million (£26.8 million). There is a final dividend of 1.5p (0.9p) payable on May 26, giving a total dividend of 2.5p (1.5p) for the year, from earnings ahead 30 per cent to 8.74p (6.70p) a share.

Epwin rises

Healthy demand from housebuilders helped Epwin Group, the plastic windows and doors maker, to lift pre-tax profits by 32 per cent to £6.18 million in the year to December 31. A combination of organic growth and acquisitions saw turnover advance by 21 per cent to £61.5 million. Earnings rose by 19 per cent to 18.04p (15.17p) a share and the total dividend is increased by 16 per cent to 8.7p (7.5p), with final dividend of 6p payable on July 3.

Delta reels in a 22% profits rise

By Philip Pangalos

STRONG exports and the benefits of past cost controls helped Delta, the cables and engineering group, to a healthy 22 per cent advance in full-year profits.

Organic growth drove pre-tax profits up to £65.1 million in the year to December 31, from £53.4 million previously, as turnover grew 8 per cent to £899 million. Exports accounted for more than a quarter of UK production.

Robert Easton, chief executive, said strong export growth was the driving force behind the profits advance, though he admits that the UK is still a bit of a problem area. "Germany is the powerhouse, but Spain and France are also doing well. In the UK underlying demand is better, but we're certainly not off to the races yet," he said.

Delta achieved a positive cash flow of £4.1 million in spite of higher capital spend and increased material costs.

With gearing down to 20 per cent, Mr Easton expects further expansion in the current year to be fuelled by a combination of organic growth and strategic acquisitions. An increased final dividend of 11.2p (10.3p) a share is payable on June 1, making an improved total of 15.5p (14.5p) for the year, from earnings ahead to 27.7p (23.1p) a share. Delta shares added 18p to 450p. .

KINGFISHER

"Our priority is to restore value for our shareholders."

For the first time since the Group's formation in 1982 we are having to report a reduction in profits. Good progress by B&Q, Darty, Superdrug and Chartwell Land was undermined by serious setbacks at Woolworths and Comet.

• **B&Q** increased sales and profits and consolidated its leadership of DIY retailing in the UK, where the sector has restructured to its advantage.

• **Darty** increased its leading market share of French electricals and made a first full year contribution to the Group of over £100m.

• **Superdrug** increased profits by 21 per cent to a record level on the back of a shift to more health and beauty specialism.

• **Chartwell Land** which is now almost totally focused on retail property, increased investment income. The Group's property assets now total over £950m in value.

Against these solid achievements the reverses at Woolworths and Comet are all the more disappointing.

Our detailed reviews of these businesses show that their problems were largely due to trading and operational issues affecting sales.

We are tackling these urgently and our recovery plans do not require the provisions for restructuring that in January we warned might be necessary.

Our absolute priority this year is to restore value for shareholders as quickly as possible. We have already made changes to Kingfisher's board and to the managements of Woolworths and Comet, and cut back the size of our headquarters. Kingfisher now has a lean centre with fully devolved managements running and developing each of its retail companies.

We are now committed to an urgent programme to regain our forward momentum.

• We already have recovery programmes in place at Woolworths and Comet and we are working on strategies for their longer term progress.

• We are also increasing our investment in the growth of B&Q, Darty and Superdrug through a combination of expansion, new store formats and improved technology.

Our capital spending on the development of the Group this year is planned to exceed £200m, funded from the Group's strong cash flow. This is a measure of the attractiveness of our markets and the potential for growing our businesses.

Each of our companies has as its priority the need to serve its customers better. This is our strategy to increase our profits and reward our shareholders.

I look forward to reporting our progress.

Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy, Group Chief Executive.

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A Personal Equity Plan (PEP) is a way of investing money out of the reach of the tax man and *The Times*, in association with TSB Bank, is offering you the chance to win a £6,000 PEP.

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Wolseley cautious despite 35% profit rise

By Martin Barrow

A CAUTIOUS trading statement from Wolseley, the builders' merchant group, offset the impact of a strong rise in first-half profits, which came in at the top end of market expectations yesterday.

The company achieved a 35 per cent increase in profits to £117.3 million in the six months to January 31 from £87 million previously. It reported strong organic growth and contributions from acquisitions.

The interim dividend is lifted to 2.95p a share from 2.36p, in line with forecasts and payable from earnings that rose to 14.21p a share from 11.04p. But the company's shares eased 7p to 341p in response to a downbeat statement on short-term prospects.

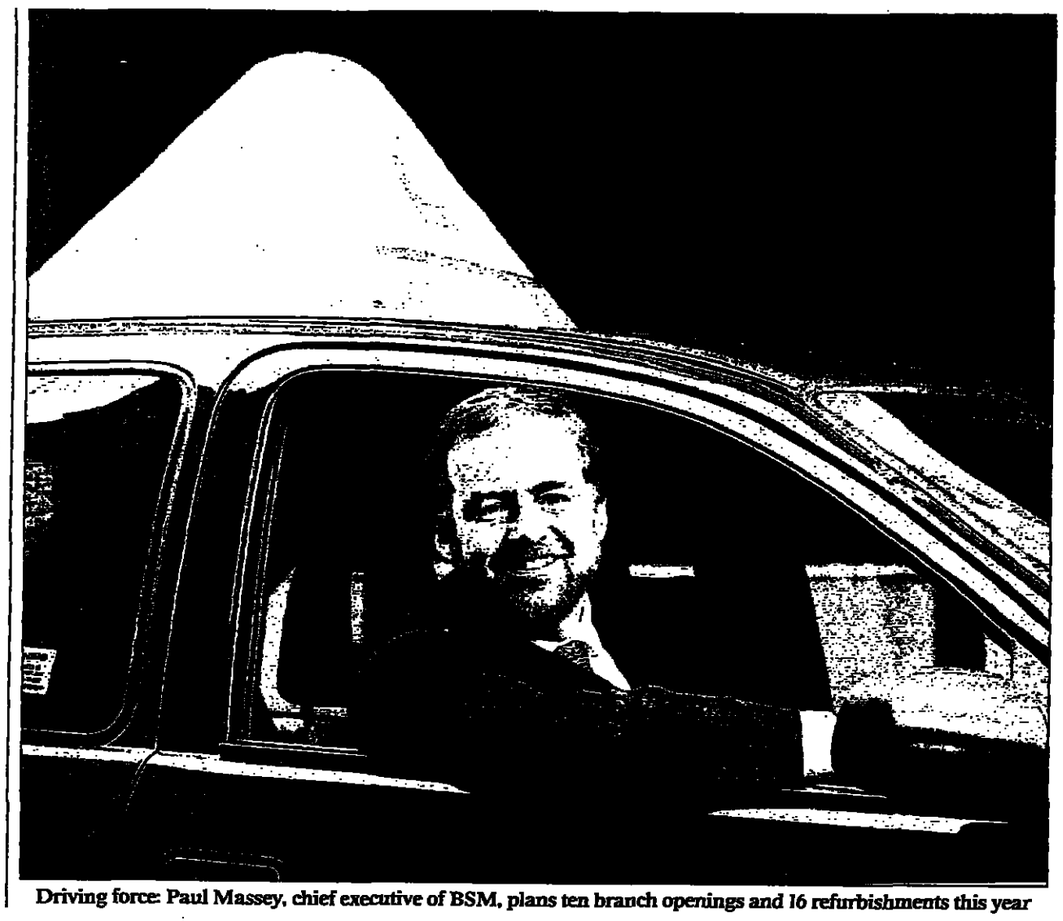
Jeremy Lancaster, chairman and managing director, said the immediate outlook for the UK distribution business remained uninspiring with a depressed housing market and no evidence yet of a recovery in consumer confidence. The picture was brighter in mainland Europe, although it was expected that consumer expenditure in France would be delayed because of political uncertainties in the approach to the general elections. Meanwhile, in America evidence was emerging that boom conditions that lifted Wolseley's East Coast businesses in the first half were now subsiding.

Mr Lancaster also said the manufacturing companies continued to experience upwards pressure on raw material prices. He emphasised that Wolseley's Enertech companies were seasonally geared towards the first half.

Last year trading profits rose to £117.26 million from £86.97 million, with a £9.9 million contribution from acquisitions made in the previous financial year.

Profits from building distribution in Europe advanced to £46.8 million from £35 million, while US distribution activities lifted their contribution to £47.6 million from £34.8 million. Profits from manufacturing rose to £25.5 million from £18.8 million. Net borrowings at the end of January were £64.3 million, rising from £56.3 million six months earlier, with gearing of 10.5 per cent. Net cash inflow from operating activities was £82.2 million (£85.7 million).

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Driving force: Paul Massey, chief executive of BSM, plans ten branch openings and 16 refurbishments this year

BSM moves up a gear with £4.9m

By Sarah Bagnall

BSM, the driving school, has managed to drive profits forward in spite of a challenging market. Pre-tax profits for the year to December 31 rose 9 per cent from £4.5 million to £4.9 million on sales up 5 per cent at £23.1 million.

The 1993 profit excluded £3.45 million of interest incurred on debt taken on board at the time of the management buyout in 1990, which was then repaid out of flotation proceeds. The company floated on the stock market in October 1993 at a price of 170p. Yesterday the shares remained unchanged at 153p.

BSM raised the number of franchised instructors 8 per cent to 2,116 and opened five new branches, taking the total to 139. Paul Massey, chief executive, said ten branch openings and 16 refurbishments were planned for 1995.

The group is paying a final dividend, due May 8, of 4.3p, making a total for the year of 6.45p. The dividend is being paid out of earnings of 12.8p a share, up from 2.2p last time.

Mr Massey said the group benefited from a positive cash flow which helped to strengthen the balance sheet.

Watmoughs poised for growth

By Our City Staff

WATMOUGHS (Holdings), the printing company with growing interests in continental Europe, increased profits by 30 per cent in 1994, and said it expected to make further progress in the current year, in spite of the impact of higher paper and board prices.

In the 12 months to December 31, pre-tax profits rose to £20.08 million, from £15.4 million, on turnover of £179.9 million, up from £149.76 million. There is a final dividend of 6.1p, payable on April 28, making a total of 7.8p, compared with 6.6p. Earnings of 20.3p a share rose from 15.9p.

UK profits rose 34 per cent to £17.75 million, reflecting a steady improvement in trading conditions, new contracts and a further reduction in operating costs. In Spain, profits held steady at £1.58 million, compared with £1.55 million. The installation of additional printing capacity in Hungary resulted in a 36 per cent rise in profits to £755,000.

Patrick Walker, chairman, said Watmoughs was well placed to weather the higher cost of paper and board. Most paper used by the company was supplied by clients.

Singaporeans buy Barratt homes

From Neil Bennett in Singapore

IN A desperate attempt to breathe life into the housing market, Barratt Developments, one of Britain's largest house builders and chaired by Sir Lawrie Barratt, has turned to Singaporean investors to persuade them to buy its Docklands flats.

Unlike British home owners, wealthy Singaporeans are flocking to take advantage of Barratt's offer. Last weekend, Cluttons, the estate agency chain, hosted an exhibition in Singapore's Hilton Hotel. It notched up 16 sales worth an estimated £2 million.

Singaporeans are attracted to London property because it is cheap compared with their local market. Prices for Barratt's flats start at just over £80,000. For that you could not find a broom cupboard in Singapore, even in an unfashionable district.

Last year Cluttons estimates it sold £100 million of residential property in Hong Kong and Singapore.

The buyers are wealthy Singaporean businessmen and professionals who are interested in Docklands property as an investment. A well-let flat can yield more than 9 per cent, three times the average rate in Singapore. Flats come fully furnished and equipped for letting and, as a sweetener, Barratt guarantees a 10 per cent rental return for the first year.

"They are buying purely for investment and yield," says Jane Landy, a Cluttons director. Many do not even bother to see the property they are buying except in a Cluttons video, says Ms Landy, who is hosting similar exhibitions every month.

Although the flats are billed as being close to the City, they are in fact in Rotherhithe, and while the pictures show Canary Wharf in the background, the advertisement fails to mention there is a river in between.



Barratt: boosting sales

LORD TAYLOR OF HADFIELD
MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for Lord Taylor of Hadfield will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church, Trafalgar Square, London WC2N 4JJ, at 3.00pm on Wednesday 19 April.

All are welcome and those wishing to attend are asked to write for tickets to Ruth Barber, Taylor Woodrow Group, Taywood House, 345 Ruislip Road, Southall, Middlesex UB1 2QX by 31 March. Tickets will be posted on 7 April.

Ford

Following the DIVIDEND DECLARATION by Ford Motor Company (U.S.) on 12 January 1995 NOTICE is now given that the following DISTRIBUTION will become payable on or after 15 March 1995.

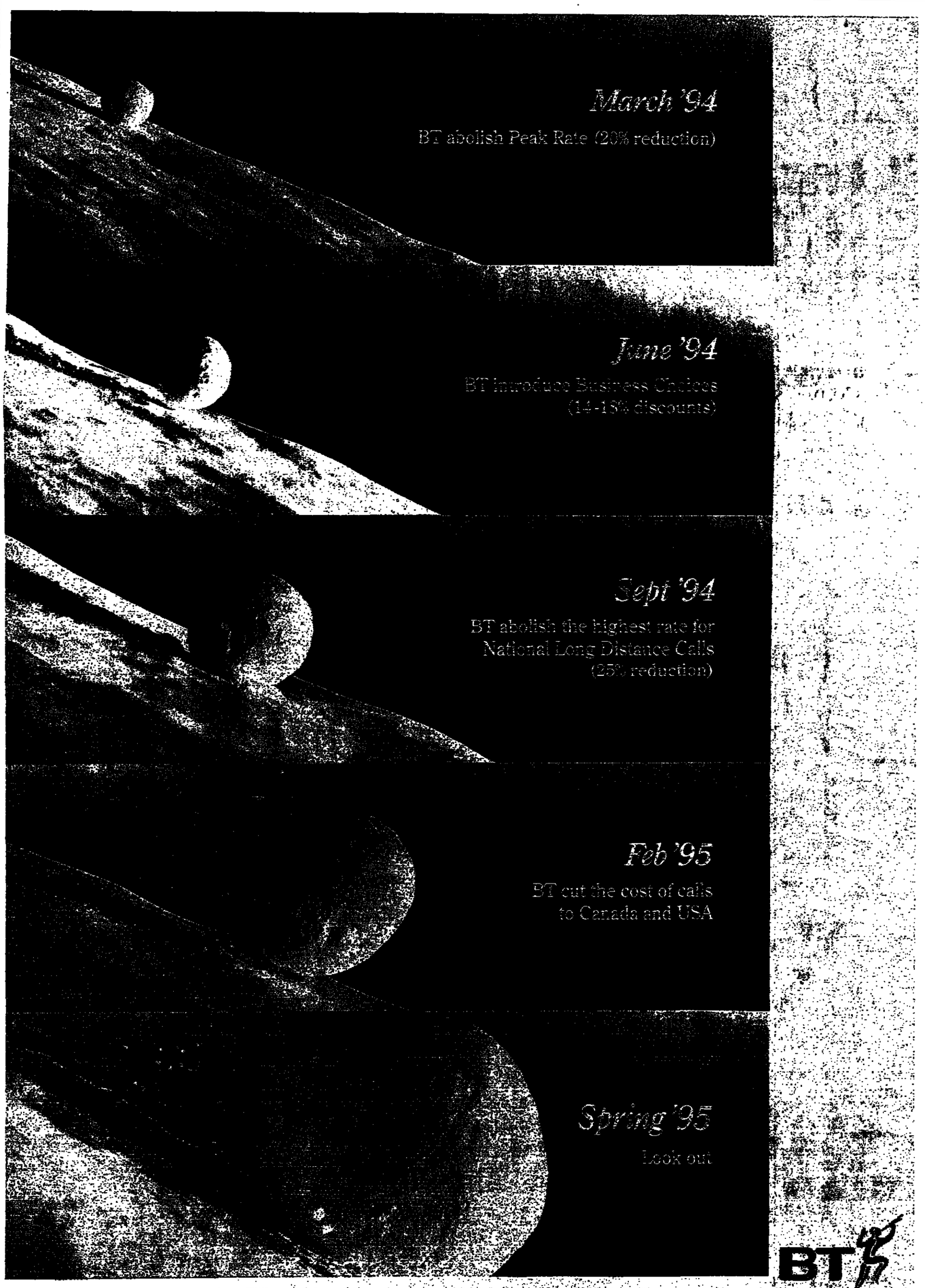
Gross Distribution per unit	1-3000 Cents
Less 15% USA Withholding Tax	0-1950 Cents
	1-1050 Cents
Converted at $1.61	£0-00686335

Claims should be lodged with the DEPOSITARY; National Westminster Bank PLC, Basement, Juno Court, 24 Prescot Street, London E1 8BB on special forms obtainable from that office.

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Dated 15 March 1995



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REDUCTIONS QUOTED REFER TO A THREE MINUTE NATIONAL LONG DISTANCE CALL AT OUR FORMER CHARGEBAND "B" DURING THE MORNING WHICH COST 50P INC. VAT IN FEBRUARY 1994, 40P IN MARCH 1994 AND 30P IN SEPTEMBER 1994. BUSINESS CHOICES DISCOUNTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE APPROPRIATE QUARTERLY CHARGE. DIFFERENT REDUCTIONS APPLIED TO PAYPHONE AND BT CHARGECARD CALLS. EXCLUDES CALLS TO INFORMATION AND ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES AND MOBILE PHONES.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
01895 259 783				
Growland Amer	160.30	169.60	-0.70	0.23
Growland Equity	225.30	239.70	-0.60	2.17
Growland Euro	192.80	204.10	-1.40	0.61
Growland Expt Bal	105.20	109.06	-2.60	2.63
Growland Gilt	72.66	74.91	+0.16	5.63
Growland Japan	150.10	158.80	-2.90	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	510.70	543.30†	-1.10	3.06
General Inc	445.20	473.70†	-0.90	3.06
UK Growth Acc	343.70	365.70	+0.80	3.07
UK Growth Inc	235.20	250.30	+0.60	3.07
Higher Inc Acc	634.70	675.30	-2.70	4.31
Higher Inc Inc	366.80	390.30	-1.60	4.31
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	184.30	194.60†	+1.10	6.06
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	87.32	92.23†	+0.46	6.06
Nth America	265.70	282.70	-0.70	
Far East	329.10	349.60	-4.90	0.38
Europe	261.70	278.50†	-1.70	0.95
Bnf Excell	68.40	72.77	-0.29	3.75
Bnl Fndrails Acc	97.29	103.50†	-0.40	5.08
Bnl Fndrails Inc	69.74	74.20†	-0.34	5.08
Global Opps	80.58	85.73	-0.60	0.30
Balanced Acc	51.75	55.06	+0.09	3.26
Balanced Inc	50.49	53.72	+0.09	3.26
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	125.20	132.80†	+0.30	8.03
High Inc Equity	151.20	161.70		4.87
Worldwide Bond	267.30	283.80†	-1.20	5.36
Capital Growth				
American Growth	275.60	295.30	-1.00	.81
Asian Pacific	285.60	303.20	-2.60	
Assets & Earnings	243.50	259.00	-0.80	3.10
Comdty & Energy	94.85	100.90†	-0.30	.13
Euro Capital Inc	126.10	134.90	-1.20	.72
(Accum Units)	134.70	144.06	-1.40	.72
General	215.60	229.40†	-0.40	2.37
Japan	110.20	117.90	-2.50	
Mastertrust	131.00	140.10	-0.60	1.86
Uk Growth Dist	108.60	116.10	-0.40	3.14
US Emerging Cos	129.80	138.60	-0.70	
Income & Growth	361.30	384.40	+1.20	3.25
Ethical	63.13	67.16	-0.18	3.20
International	104.40	111.10	-0.20	1.04
Dividend & Growth	56.45	60.05	+0.04	4.68
Global Gwth & Sec	66.52	70.94	-0.07	2.55
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£16.34	£16.68		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	43.49	45.15	-0.12	0.68
Cash	50.09	50.09†	+0.01	5.84
Emerging Mkts	60.60	64.22	+0.25	0.06
European	105.60	110.30†	-0.60	
Exempt	897.20	969.00	-1.66	1.92
Extra Income #	43.46	46.57†	-0.10	6.47
Far East Emg Eco	104.30	110.60	-0.50	0.56
Fixed Interest #	21.64	22.71†	-0.09	9.11
Fund Inv Tst	152.40	160.40	-0.20	1.05
Japan	166.00	174.20	-3.10	
Latin American	41.11	43.14	-0.37	1.13
Pacific	66.48	70.10	-0.60	0.38
Property Share	59.20	62.14	-0.06	2.20
UK Emerging Coc	59.13	62.07	+0.06	2.00
UK Growth	41.52	43.98	+0.11	3.66
Aber World Port #	67.95	69.03	-0.13	2.37
Ethical	59.21	62.15	-0.19	2.83
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	48.59	48.59†	+0.12	7.72
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 549 3232				
British Growth	65.41	69.59†	-0.05	3.00
British Income	76.06	80.92†	-0.07	3.79
Select Portfolio	80.24	85.36†	-0.02	
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	70.60	74.91†	+0.06	2.60
Income Builder Inc	64.01	68.10	-0.25	3.05
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	217.00	231.90	+2.30	3.36
Capital	379.10	405.20	+3.00	2.04
Balanced	635.60	679.30†	+6.60	2.93
Accumulator	£11.77	£12.58	-14.00	3.22
Income Trusts				
American Income	47.60	50.24†	+0.18	3.54
High Income	364.70	389.80†	+3.80	3.96
Equity Income	207.10	221.30	+2.00	3.76
High Yield	224.30	239.70	+2.40	3.63
Govt Securities	32.75	34.58†	+0.32	6.13
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	143.90	153.80†	+1.30	0.46
European Growth	32.64	34.78	+0.27	0.81
International	147.80	157.90†		0.21
Japan	184.20	196.30†	-2.20	0.07
Pacific	345.40	369.20	-3.90	0.01
Sec of America	420.00	446.60†	-2.80	0.52
Wrlde Asset Val	44.58	47.65	+0.11	0.25
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	487.40	521.00†	-5.20	2.45
Conv & Gilt	40.41	43.19†	-0.29	5.37
Smaller Cos	155.40	166.10	-0.15	1.34
2nd Smaller Cos	147.30	157.40†	-0.20	1.54
Recovery	127.40	136.10	+0.60	1.93
Met Min & Cmty	139.30	147.80	+0.90	0.81
Oseas Earnings	328.50	351.10†	+3.20	1.92
Technology	158.30	169.20	-0.10	0.01
UK Special Sits	420.40	449.40†	-2.30	1.93
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Cntrctd Out Pens	94.86	96.55		3.04
Foundn Pencl Pens	59.57	61.89		
BGI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0833				
Capital	67.22	71.51	+0.72	1.96
International	58.32	61.84		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	262.60	284.10	-0.40	
Bond	109.10	114.90	+0.30	7.25
Brit Smlr Cos	91.24	97.86	+0.01	1.92
Conv & Gen #	61.06	64.96†	-0.01	6.86
Europe	208.50	222.10	-0.10	0.63
Euro Smlr Cos	95.38	101.60	+0.20	0.69
Income Grwth	318.10	338.40†	+1.60	4.68
Japan	279.80	297.00	-5.80	
Latin American	52.88	55.40	+0.95	
Pacific	94.86	100.70	-1.30	1.55
UK Smlr Cos	49.19	52.33	-0.19	1.45
Japan Fd	625.20	644.10†	-19.40	
Mngd Fd	163.10	173.50	+0.80	3.25
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Bnl & Oseas	265.40	279.40	+4.80	1.33
Capital Gwth	104.10	109.60	+1.80	2.45
Wwide Opps	168.60	177.50	+5.20	0.45
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bst Inv Fd Inc	321.50	334.90	+0.30	3.26
European Bd Inc	86.95	90.05	-0.07	7.96
Exempt	69.88	73.47	-0.09	4.54
Financial	69.55	74.39		3.01
500	407.80	436.20†	-0.20	2.77
General	254.50	272.80	-0.40	2.98
Property	243.20	264.30		8.57
Trustee	168.40	180.10	-0.10	2.65
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.80	100.80		5.46
Extra Income	110.00	117.70		4.42
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.34	57.18†	-0.01	9.02
Income	480.00	513.40†	-0.29	4.45
Income Builder	57.21	60.86†	+0.08	5.36
Intl Income	57.86	61.56	-0.39	4.01
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	109.00	116.29†	-0.20	2.69
Leisure	112.30	120.10	+0.70	1.71
Recovery	383.60	410.30	-0.40	3.06
Smlr Cos Inc	41.03	44.80	+0.08	2.15
Special Sits	262.70	280.90	-0.40	1.77
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	123.60	131.20	-0.40	0.65
Aust Acc	224.70	239.00	-2.0	2.37
Aust Inc	138.20	147.00	-1.30	2.37
Euro Gwth Inc	139.40	147.90	-1.10	1.05
(Accum Units)	149.20	158.30	-1.20	1.05
Japan & Gen Inc	158.90	169.70†	-4.10	..
(Accum Units)	160.70	170.20	-4.10	..
Japan Spec Sits	73.12	77.46	-1.73	..
Univ Tech Inc	74.75	79.43	-0.70	0.08
Worldwide	155.50	165.00	-1.20	1.02
BARING FUND MANGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	89.46	94.96	+0.10	...
Amer Smlr Cos	125.50	134.50	-0.10	...
Convertibles	51.62	55.89		5.70
Eastern	241.10	260.20	-1.90	0.30
Equity Income	81.25	87.69	+0.21	4.90
European Growth	280.40	297.30	-1.80	0.80
Europe	211.80	225.30	-1.10	0.20
German Growth	72.07	76.41	-1.20	0.50
Global Bond	61.27	64.53	-0.08	6.20
Global Growth	116.10	123.80	-0.80	..
Japan Growth	178.70	190.40	-2.20	..
Japan Source	151.10	160.50	-0.80	..
Korea Trust	74.87	80.53	+0.42	..
Portfolio	120.20	128.70†	-0.20	1.89
(Accum Units)	221.10	236.90	-0.20	1.80
UK Growth	77.28	82.90	+0.09	2.20
UK Smaller Cos	75.27	82.23	-0.03	1.80
Select Managers	69.47	74.45	-0.06	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	68.42	72.79†	+1.01	
Special Oppor Inc	50.12	53.32†	+2.30	
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0141 228 6030				
Balanced Growth	98.27	103.99	-0.07	1.97
(Accum Units)	110.47	116.90	-0.08	1.97
Smaller Cos	93.92	99.38	+0.02	1.28
Higher Yield #	41.55	43.98		4.76
American Gth Inc	69.49	73.54†	-0.05	...
European Growth	122.30	129.42†	+0.50	...
(Accum Units)	124.71	131.97	+0.51	...
Global Bond Inc #	26.09	27.03	+0.01	8.29
Mngd Ptflo Inc	38.75	40.99	-0.07	1.54
(Accum Units)	39.30	41.57	-0.07	1.54
Intl Spec Opps	104.44	110.52	-0.35	..
Pacific Grb	112.12	118.64	-1.39	..
Formerly LAS				
UK General #	69.41	73.45	+0.01	3.73
(Accum Units) #	71.07	75.21	+0.01	3.73
Japan	55.25	58.46†	-0.81	..
Gilt & Fixed Int #	92.67	94.56†	+0.14	7.99
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	61.89	62.70†	+0.08	6.53
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	145.70	155.00	-0.30	1.88
UK Growth	156.20	165.20†	-0.28	2.58
UK Income	124.80	132.80	-0.10	4.72
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	173.80	184.20†	+0.16	2.15
-do- Income Dist	102.00	108.10	+0.20	4.62
(Accum Units)	307.90	326.30	+0.80	4.62
Gilt & Fxd Int	38.58	40.90†	+0.21	6.65
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 236 5685 Enq 0161 236 5685 Dlg 0161 236 5362				
American & Gen	148.10	157.60†	-0.10	..
European Inc	73.10	77.36	-0.46	0.60
Smaller Cos (4-1)	74.66	79.43†	-0.03	2.24
Growth	387.00	411.80†	-2.50	2.75
Income & Growth	374.00	397.90†	+1.80	4.31
(Accum Units)	533.60	567.70	+2.20	4.31
Japan & Gen	65.02	69.01†	-1.84	..
Master Portfolio	834.27	897.61	-10.00	2.27
(Accum Units)	£112.46	£119.69	-12.00	2.27
Special Sits	89.31	95.02	-0.70	2.67
High Yield	£12.19	£12.57	+5.80	4.76
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	78.27	83.52	+0.31	2.63
American Portfolio	89.73	95.59	+0.74	1.22
European Portfolio	90.69	96.75	+0.56	0.82
Japanese Portfolio	59.38	63.08†	-1.43	..
Pacific Portfolio	126.24	135.75	-0.35	0.96
UK Inc & Growth	71.21	76.42	+0.45	3.49
Utility & Bond	51.06	52.30	+0.25	7.35
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	636.50	638.60	..	4.87
Fxd Int Sec	145.85	146.00	.	9.95
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0171 332 5000				
UK General Tst	59.08	62.85	+0.48	3.16
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD				
0171 588 1815				
Inc	625.05	625.22		4.97
Accum	£26.90	£26.98	...	...
Fixed Int Inc	119.00	119.16		9.73
Fixed Int Acc	187.15	187.60		
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
0171 837 7667				
Intl Growth	104.12	113.50		
UK Income	101.26	109.61		5.47
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	72.71	77.23		1.57
Beck Bio-Tech	25.75	28.64		
Acorn Ethical Tst	138.60	146.11		0.74
City Fin Assets	63.66	67.72		1.33
City Fin America	79.93	84.14		
City Fin Intl	68.73	72.35		1.0
City Fin Japan	147.95	155.74	...	
Friars Hse Cap	253.47	274.20	...	1.79
Friars Hse Inc	181.82	197.50	...	4.27
Buckley Wrld Grth	111.25	118.35†		0.10
Fairmont Cap Gth	125.60	133.62		
Fairmont Intl	136.56	145.76		
City Fin Ptflo Inc	51.31	54.58		4.51
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	49.76	52.80	-0.18	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	56.27	60.18	-0.32	
Allzs Mngd Gwth	33.73	36.07	-0.39	0.57
Dragon Growth	60.21	64.40	-0.47	0.65
Equity High Inc	76.23	81.10†	+0.15	4.38
(Accum Units)	103.30	109.89	+0.28	4.38
European Gwth	47.76	50.81	-0.11	1.13
Evergreen	26.52	28.36	-0.18	
General Equity	78.05	82.81	+0.23	2.98
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.91	25.12	+0.07	8.37
Japan Growth	46.97	50.23	-1.00	
Pedigree Gwth	47.12	50.13	+0.09	2.90
Ped Sm Cos Inc	28.15	29.95	+0.02	1.45
(Accum Units)	29.25	31.12	+0.03	1.45
Retirement Inc #	23.85	25.37	+0.05	6.29
Special Scs	34.98	37.21	+0.05	2.21
UK & Overseas	44.31	47.14	-0.23	1.50
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 898 000				
Capital	63.65	67.47†	+0.51	2.36
Income	57.38	60.82†	+0.34	4.34
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	147.00	156.39	+0.30	6.11
Fixed & Convertible	38.03	40.46	+0.02	7.60
Monthly Inc Plus	45.99	48.93	+0.02	9.16
Preference Share	44.87	47.73	+0.03	7.74
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	112.89	120.10	-0.06	7.76
Managed Fund	63.62	67.68	-0.01	3.12
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	35.71	37.99	-0.04	1.79
(Accum Units)	40.85	43.46	-0.05	1.79
UK & General	73.23	77.90	+0.20	2.85
(Accum Units)	91.65	97.50	+0.26	2.85
UK Growth	132.83	141.31	+0.17	2.41
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	176.11	187.35	-1.79	0.26
Far Eastern Grth	115.81	123.20	-1.84	..
Global Bond	77.67	82.55	+0.06	6.13
Japan Growth	109.28	116.26	-2.39	..
North Amer Grth	164.29	174.78	-0.11	..
Oriental Growth	67.79	72.12	-0.87	..
Worldwide Growth	61.07	64.97	-0.47	0.86
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.20	93.20	+0.01	5.92
Homemaker Fund	73.01	77.57†	+0.62	1.94
Quilter Fund	118.24	125.79†	+0.38	2.57
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD				
01438 744 840				
Growth Inc	54.02	57.46	+0.14	3.40
(Accum Units)	58.49	62.22	+0.15	3.48
High Income	31.83	33.86	+0.11	5.00
Japan	33.67	35.18	-0.81	...
Smaller Cos Inc	28.19	29.98	+0.02	2.80
Smaller Cos	29.85	31.75	+0.02	2.80
North American	31.71	33.73	-0.06	0.70
European	34.95	37.18	-0.17	0.80
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	28.27	30.37†	.	3.65
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	131.50	139.90	+0.30	2.21
Income	63.41	67.46†	+0.38	5.30
European	57.64	61.31	+0.40	1.00
Recovery	144.90	154.20	+1.60	2.37
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dcl	763.80	776.90	..	3.86
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	69.25	73.67	+0.14	1.34
Income #	223.30	236.40	-0.60	4.92
(Accum Units) #	547.30	582.30	-1.50	4.92
Smaller Cos	147.90	157.30	-0.10	0.62
(Accum Units)	180.70	192.29	+0.10	0.62
Inv Portfolio	73.52	78.21†	+0.04	1.53
High Inc Port #	63.89	67.96	+0.50	5.10
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.01	£15.37	..	..
Japan Small Cos	£11.80	£11.83	..	..
UK Small Cos	£16.52	£17.27	..	..
US Small Cos	£15.31	£15.80	..	..
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	188.80	198.70	..	3.20
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	259.30	274.20	-1.50	1.92
New Asia	191.80	204.10	-1.30	0.16
Japan Growth	107.80	114.90	-2.60	...
Jap Smlr Co	437.60	465.30	-6.90	..
Nth Amer	259.90	275.30	-0.80	0.86
Shlrd Asia Pac Mt	108.90	115.10	-0.60	0.39
UK Inc & Grth	197.30	210.70	+0.70	3.16
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	130.28	138.50	-0.19	1.93
UK High Inc Inc	139.00	147.90	-0.20	4.87
(Accum Units)	177.90	189.30	-0.30	4.87
UK Prof & F I Inc	55.86	59.29	+0.09	5.29
Envrnmntl Opps	79.03	84.07	-0.16	1.12
UK Smlr Cos #	46.91	49.90	-0.03	.06
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 690 620				
American	119.10	126.30	-0.30	1.39
Convertibles #	19.28	20.46†	+0.09	8.84
Equity Income #	115.70	122.80†	+0.50	4.31
Eurofund	43.02	45.64	+0.19	0.44
Financial	40.67	43.27	-0.01	1.74
Growth & Inc #	214.70	228.10	+0.80	3.38
High Dist #	142.50	151.40	+0.70	4.95
International	349.70	371.60	-1.90	0.13
Int Cap Inc	86.79	92.65	+0.46	2.97
Latin American	22.19	23.58	+0.69	..
Pacific	70.29	74.68	-0.51	..
Preference Share	20.59	21.88	+0.06	7.54
Tokyo	201.50	214.10	-4.70	..
UK Smaller Cos	208.30	221.28	+1.00	1.24
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Elcop Trust	194.16	207.24	-3.52	1.04
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7281				
Endurance Fd	184.10	195.80	...	1.06
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	75.48	79.45	+0.94	1.74
Ethical Tst	40.70	42.84	-0.06	1.46
Far Eastern	272.81	286.96	-2.47	2.15
High Income	121.64	128.04	+1.16	5.12
Intl Growth	108.85	114.58†	+0.28	1.39
North American	107.60	113.26	+8.45	1.42
Pelican	106.35	114.05	+1.23	3.35
Smaller Cos	61.58	65.24	+0.16	3.02
Special Sits	88.88	85.14	+0.26	2.65
Tst of Inv Tsts	167.39	176.20†	+0.47	1.70
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 402 5866				
Smaller Cos Inc	188.34	194.10	-0.06	1.51
Smaller Cos Acc	328.04	338.63	-0.12	1.57
Recovery	46.85	48.80	-0.03	1.45
Recovery Acc	47.85	49.32	-0.04	1.45
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Balanced	107.66	114.52	+0.16	8.07
Capital Growth	74.39	79.78	+0.13	..
Fd of Inv Tsts	40.62	43.33	+0.02	0.67
High Income #	39.76	42.84	-0.03	10.79
Warrant	46.87	51.95†	-0.69	..
Zero Preference	36.83	38.86	+0.03	..
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 797				
Family Asset Tst	71.57	76.13	-0.16	2.96
Family Income Tst	41.71	41.71	+0.069	6.86
Family Tree	76.69	83.27	+0.180	1.56
United Charities	242.40	257.80	-0.80	4.22
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.80	...	5.30
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	26.26	26.37†	+0.02	7.69
Intl Bond	28.17	29.23	-0.04	5.24
Income Funds				
High Income	22.69	23.88†	+0.03	5.94
Income Plus	100.80	107.20†	+0.30	4.33
Amer Eq Inc	45.60	48.25	-0.11	1.96
European Income	39.65	42.16†	-0.16	1.69
Far East Inc	60.29	64.11	-0.57	2.48
Global Convertible	21.49	22.93	+0.02	3.66
UK Dlv Grth	22.47	23.90†	+0.04	2.82
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	53.94	57.54	-0.79	..
America	235.30	249.20	-0.30	..
Amer Spec Sits	113.10	120.70	-0.10	..
Japan Smaller Cos	35.23	37.58†	-0.71	..
European	156.70	166.80	-0.90	..
European Opps	58.90	62.63	-0.67	..
Global Priv	22.64	24.19	-0.11	0.96
UK Growth	84.06	89.38	+0.25	..
Growth & Inc	130.00	138.30	+0.20	2.36
Intl PEP	34.42	36.74	-0.11	..
Japan Spec Sits	84.38	89.81†	-1.80	..
Japan	175.50	186.90	-4.10	..
Managed Intl	257.30	274.09†	-2.00	..
Moneybuilder	49.15	52.27	-0.19	..
Recovery	44.51	47.33	+0.08	..
South E Asia	136.00	146.10	-0.70	..
Special Sits	478.70	500.50	-2.40	..
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	108.53	108.53	+0.01	5.30
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	124.30	127.90†	...	2.82
Inc Ptflo #	78.85	80.45†	-0.08	4.16
Cap Ptflo	131.40	139.80	..	1.34
General Opps	112.70	114.80	..	0.81
Growth Inc	28.00	28.59	+0.12	1.86
Private Portfolio	364.10	372.60†	...	1.41
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 018				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	105.70	111.60	-0.60	0.36
Emrg Asian	148.60	163.50	-0.20	..
High Income	20.42	21.69†	+0.09	10.37
Oseas Income	86.10	92.01	-0.39	3.41
UK Growth	98.58	105.50	+0.10	2.02
UK Income	99.23	105.90	+0.40	3.98
US Smaller Cos	292.79	313.10	-0.80	0.15
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
High Inc Eqy	44.51	46.80	+0.18	3.46
-do- Inv Tst Inc	68.87	72.42†	-0.05	4.06
Intl Growth	62.90	66.14	+0.71	..
Investment Trust	82.46	86.73†	-0.06	...
UK Smaller Cos	76.11	80.03	...	1.02
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 374 4100				
American Growth	54.73	58.45†	-0.19	...
(Accum Units)	54.73	58.45†	-0.19	...
Amer Smlr Cos	466.80	498.30	-0.90	...
(Accum Units)	476.80	510.10	-0.90	...
Capital Tst	281.30	299.20	+0.60	1.61
(Accum Units)	401.70	427.20	+0.60	1.61
Cont Smlr Cos	57.52	61.81	-0.65	0.50
(Accum Units)	60.48	64.79	-0.68	0.50
Convertible	117.60	125.10	+0.10	5.87
(Accum Units)	237.70	252.80	+0.30	5.87
Emerging Markets	59.70	63.76	-0.37	...
(Accum Units)	59.76	63.84	-0.37	...
European	111.90	118.60	-0.60	0.14
(Accum Units)	117.20	124.30	-0.60	0.14
Extra Income	306.50	326.30†	+0.70	4.12
(Accum Units)	460.50	489.70†	+1.00	4.12
Financial	115.80	125.10	-0.70	0.30
(Accum Units)	122.00	131.70	-0.90	0.30
Gilt Trust	61.22	63.13	+0.76	6.37
(Accum Units)	85.49	88.16	+1.06	6.37
Health Fund Inc	131.80	140.70	-0.70	...
(Accum Units)	131.80	140.70	-0.70	...
Income & Growth	175.80	187.00	+1.00	3.32
(Accum Units)	265.60	282.50	+1.50	3.32
Intl Growth	337.10	361.00	-2.10	
(Accum Units)	374.30	400.80	-2.40	..
Japan & Gen	157.70	168.60†	-3.00	..
(Accum Units)	159.20	170.20†	-3.08	..
Monthly Inc	149.10	158.50†	+0.20	4.22
Managed Port Inc	96.90	102.00	-0.10	1.50
(Accum Units)	102.70	108.10	-0.10	1.50
Charity Income	49.25	52.38†	+0.15	4.84
(Accum Units)	52.86	56.22†	+0.14	4.84
Recovery	316.90	338.80†	-2.60	0.13
(Accum Units)	373.00	398.60†	-3.10	0.13
UK Growth	50.23	53.69	+0.19	2.79
(Accum Units)	51.86	55.53	+0.19	2.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP Am Smlr Cos	108.40	115.90	-0.30	0.0
FP Asian Growth	229.40	246.00	-2.30	0.0
FP Equity Dist	354.60	377.20	-0.30	2.95
-do- Accum	749.00	796.80	-0.60	2.95
FP Euro Gth Dist	137.10	145.80†	-1.30	0.63
-do- Accum	142.90	152.00†	-1.30	0.63
FP Fixed Int Dist	126.80	133.90†	+0.60	7.49
-do- Accum	235.20	248.50†	+1.60	7.49
FP Intl Bond	54.80	57.95	-0.30	6.65
FP Intl Gth Dist	85.49	90.85	-1.08	0.78
-do- Accum	89.42	95.12	-1.10	0.78
FP Nth Amer Dist	181.00	191.70	-0.90	1.17
-do- Accum	199.40	211.20	-1.00	1.17
FP Pac Basin Dist	282.80	300.80	-4.70	0.28
-do- Accum	288.50	306.90	-4.80	0.28
FP Income	50.05	53.38	+0.10	5.46
(Accum Units)	163.00	172.80	+0.40	5.46
FP Jap Smlr Cos	311.90	332.60	-8.20	0.0
FP Monthly Dist	66.78	71.18†	+0.24	6.23
FP Stlg Deposit	100.80	100.80		6.25
FP Tokyo	80.03	85.36	-2.03	0.0
FP UK Focus	33.90	36.45	+0.08	2.09
FP UK Growth	158.80	169.10	+0.40	3.01
(Accum Units)	307.10	327.50	+0.90	3.01
Stewardship Dist	306.50	326.00	+0.30	2.16
-do- Accum	374.80	398.70	+0.40	2.16
Stwdshp Inc Dist	65.74	69.93†	+0.05	3.93
-do- Accum	85.27	90.71†	+0.06	3.93
N Am Stshp Dist	92.88	98.80	-0.34	0.76
-do- Accum	98.70	105.00	-0.30	0.76
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	101.30	107.70	+1.10	1.04
Open Cap Gth Acc	101.80	108.20	+1.10	0.28
Cap Gth Inc Inc	97.67	103.90†	+0.80	2.49
Cap Gth Inc Acc	99.93	106.30	+0.90	2.49
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	99.27	105.60†	+0.50	3.15
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	101.90	108.40	+0.50	3.15
AIM Unit Trusts				
American	44.32	47.14	-0.14	1.17
Australian	295.20	316.70	-1.90	0.0
European	191.10	203.20	-0.50	0.75
(Accum Units)	206.70	219.80	-0.50	0.75
Gold	44.60	47.84	+0.30	0.0
Intnl	28.78	31.76†	-0.16	0.98
(Accum Units)	43.19	46.09	-0.22	0.98
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106/7				
GARDA	219.50	232.20	-0.10	2.69
Cash	49.50	50.24†	+0.01	5.30
Growth Portfolio	70.85	75.13	-0.80	1.69
Income Portfolio	58.22	62.03†	-0.31	4.93
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 238 6441				
Special Sits	164.30	175.70	+0.60	1.60
Dividend	81.88	87.57†	-0.17	3.89
Int Gilt & Inc	205.10	219.40	-1.60	3.21
UK & Gen	40.06	42.84†	-0.09	2.60
Fund of Funds	58.65	62.73	+0.61	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 710 4567 Dealing 0171 626 8431				
Asian Spec Sits	175.80	187.90	-2.70	..
European	520.30	555.40†	-3.60	0.36
Far East & Gen	230.20	246.20	-1.90	..
Germany	113.20	120.00	-1.20	..
Income Inc	139.80	149.40†	+0.80	4.90
(Accum Units)	150.80	161.30	+0.80	4.90
International	292.00	312.30	-1.10	..
Intl Income	76.84	81.50	-0.32	4.15
Japan & General	369.90	393.40	-2.70	...
Korea Securities	62.84	67.21	-0.12	..
Smlr Cos Div Inc	40.79	43.63†	-0.09	5.50
UK Capital Inc	149.98	160.49†		1.44
UK Capital Acc	262.10	280.40	+0.10	1.44
UK Spec Sits	73.19	78.28	+0.24	0.78
US & General	132.80	141.50	+0.50	...
Wwide Spec Sits	132.10	141.20	-1.10	...
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	44.16	47.16†	+0.18	2.85
Cash Trust	138.82	138.92†	+0.01	5.11
Practical Inv Inc #	107.60	115.17	-0.09	3.57
(Accum Units) #	244.83	261.85	-0.06	3.57
UK Index	137.04	138.42†	+0.30	3.49
UK Smaller Cos	114.04	121.97	+3.41	1.12
Income Funds				
Preference Share	23.94	25.60	-0.02	9.38
High Income	30.66	32.79†	+0.17	5.43
UK Equity Income	123.70	132.30†	-0.84	3.84
Global Bond	28.89	29.11	+0.02	5.39
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	39.34	42.07	+0.03	..
Global Inc & Gth	123.61	131.54	-0.65	2.52
Gold & Intl Res	98.29	105.12	+0.36	..
Global Utilities	116.52	124.93	-0.32	1.34
Overseas Funds				
American	139.33	148.56	-0.36	1.25
European	94.62	100.64†	-0.76	1.33
Euro Sel Opps	138.11	146.94	-1.19	..
Amer Emerging	95.21	101.83	-0.21	..
Hong Kong	121.76	130.42†	-0.76	1.82
Japan	219.89	233.44	-5.51	..
Pacific Growth	191.97	205.32	-1.72	1.56
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	198.82	198.82	-0.12	2.25
Long Term Bal	218.46	218.46	-0.08	3.43
Med Term Bal	188.66	188.66	+2.77	3.87
UK Equity	225.30	225.30	+0.31	2.71
UK Emerging Cos	130.74	130.74	+4.19	2.49
American	228.99	228.99	-0.74	1.83
Euro	109.43	109.43†	-2.25	..
European	249.01	249.81†	-1.86	1.29
Index Linked Gilt	164.84	164.84	+0.99	3.03
Fixed Interest	153.30	153.39	+1.08	6.86
Amer Emergs	249.57	249.57†	-0.36	0.19
Pacific	209.95	209.95	-1.75	0.98
Emerging Mkts	106.06	106.06†	-0.29	0.90
Index Stat Japan	141.08	141.08†	-3.44	0.32
-do- Pacific Rim	163.82	163.82†	-1.27	1.47
-do- Cont Europe	142.56	142.56†	-1.03	1.84
Index Stat USA	131.79	131.79†	-0.18	2.35
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	93.76	98.74	-0.06	..
Med Term Bal	89.79	95.52	+0.29	..
Long Term Bal	98.20	104.47	-0.04	..
UK Equity	104.23	110.88	+0.15	..
UK Emerging Cos	61.29	65.21	-0.02	..
American	106.18	112.95	-0.37	..
Japan	52.55	55.91	-1.15	..
European	102.50	109.05	-0.74	..
Fixed Interest	77.55	82.50	+0.54	..
Index Linked Gilt	73.20	77.87	+0.42	..
Deposit	80.49	85.62		..
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Int Grth	107.80	114.70	+1.70	..
Berkeley Income #	104.30	111.00	+0.40	4.06
BWD Intl	127.48	134.19†	+1.17	0.83
BmW Gth Port Inc	57.30	60.46†	+0.42	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	53.13	56.10†	+0.19	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	50.03	52.60	+0.52	0.10
Shaw Utilities	51.39	54.24	+0.15	3.23
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
& Intl Inc	513.04	545.78	.	1.87
(Accum Units)	570.60	607.02	.	1.87
European Inc	135.14	143.77	-0.12	1.13
Amalgam Inc	133.32	143.07	-0.53	..
N America Inc	307.24	326.85	..	..
Far East Inc	304.56	324.09	..	..
(Accum Units)	315.43	335.56	..	..
UK Dlvd Inc	163.93	174.39	..	1.72
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	80.93	85.43	-0.07	4.93
UK Small Cos	45.28	48.42	..	1.02
British Growth	50.63	53.54	+0.06	2.61
American Gwth	163.50	174.87	-1.84	..
Japan Grwth	67.43	72.12	-1.89	..
Greater China	169.92	181.73	-1.72	...
Pacific Strategy	142.80	152.73	-1.90	..
European Gwth	81.64	87.16	-0.88	0.29
Intl Growth	137.26	146.88	-1.09	..
US Index (£)	13.51	14.23	+0.09	4.90
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	68.83	72.95	-0.12	2.48
Monthly Income	35.70	37.56†	-0.05	6.00
MIG Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 8033				
Gvt UK Index (£)	9.63	10.16	+0.02	4.40
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	84.73	90.13†	..	1.70
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9898				
Cash	138.40	138.40	...	3.67
European	456.80	487.80	-5.20	0.15
Gilt & Fixed	122.70	130.20†	+1.10	5.77
Growth Equity	304.00	324.70	-0.20	2.11
Income Trust	121.49	129.70	-0.20	3.18
International	167.60	179.00	-1.80	0.17
Japan Trust	118.40	126.40	-3.20	..
Nth American	254.40	271.70	-0.90	0.20
Pacific	489.10	522.50	-5.10	0.02
Guardhill	457.50	488.78†	-0.30	2.05
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
Gold Fund	95.00	98.59†	-0.80	7.49
Global High Inc	94.43	97.35	-0.82	6.97
Prem Fixed Int	99.80	103.59	+0.04	8.10
Eqty & Bond Inc	95.68	101.73	-0.76	5.58
European Growth	95.27	101.29	-0.99	..
Intl PEP Trust	56.16	59.65	-0.52	..
High Income	111.27	118.30†	-2.12	4.39
-do- Accum	153.09	162.74	-2.91	4.39
Recovery	336.60	357.80	..	1.98
(Accum Units)	386.30	410.80	..	1.98
St Vnc High Inc	111.20	112.86†	-3.59	7.73
UK Emrg Cos	229.40	244.00	-0.80	2.07
UK Smlr Cos	326.70	332.40	-18.70	2.88
Glob Prtv Tst	85.32	90.71	-0.82	1.04
(Accum Units)	86.13	91.57	-0.84	1.04
Inc Share Tst	81.12	88.25†	-0.03	8.89
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Growth	24.21	25.67	+0.09	1.83
Growth Acc	24.21	25.67	+0.09	1.83
Income	24.12	25.57	+0.15	4.24
Income Acc	24.12	25.57	+0.15	4.24
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
Model Ptflio	186.90	198.30†	-1.50	2.61
Smaller Cos	29.81	31.71†	+0.01	0.91
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries: 01277 263 299 Dealing: 01277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	275.25	294.51†	+0.02	1.40
Best of British	60.30	64.19	+0.16	2.87
UK Smaller Cos	114.03	122.58†	-0.06	1.96
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	257.64	274.37	+0.95	3.85
(Accum Units)	692.56	737.95	+2.57	3.85
High Income #	291.85	311.98†	+1.07	4.46
Extra Income #	256.86	273.16†	+0.81	6.31
Pref & Gilt	45.88	49.07†	-0.02	6.96
International				
International	244.57	260.18	-2.03	0.62
Global Bond	51.44	54.60†	+0.10	6.20
Intl Pref Tst	75.87	80.93	+0.81	8.32
Global Tech	152.59	163.16	-0.54	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	158.72	169.73	-1.02	0.30
European	444.82	478.52	-2.29	0.52
European Income	76.64	81.12†	-0.45	2.72
Euro Smlr Cos	147.17	157.91	-0.95	0.15
Eur Sp Sits	66.43	70.67	-0.47	0.30
(Accum Units)	71.17	75.71	-0.50	0.30
Japan Trust	197.24	209.58	-2.54	...
Japan Special Sits	210.76	224.55	-2.58	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	220.09	235.49	-1.99	..
North American	230.29	244.73	-0.43	0.43
American Smaller	103.73	110.87	-0.03	
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	54.94	58.23		..
Eur Sp Sits	57.26	60.89	-0.40	
General Growth	41.18	43.65	+0.11	
Income Growth	39.73	42.11	+0.14	
Japan Growth	23.43	24.83	-0.31	
Smaller Cos	20.51	21.74		
Special Opps	27.30	28.93	-0.10	
Wwide Sp Sits	44.60	47.27	-0.22	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	91.21	95.50	+0.28	2.25
Capital	160.10	167.60†	-0.10	1.70
Dollar	341.00	357.00	+0.50	0.14
Enterprise Gth	297.60	311.60†	+1.20	1.99
European	210.90	220.80	-0.90	0.72
Far East	283.70	297.00	-2.50	0.49
Financial	734.89	790.30	-1.20	1.85
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.71	25.89	-0.02	7.67
High Yield	96.49	101.00	+0.50	4.31
Income & Growth	133.60	139.80	+0.60	3.62
International	236.70	247.80	-1.50	0.05
Japanese General	188.10	196.90	-4.50	
Japan Tech	75.75	79.31	-1.76	
Nat Resources	65.82	68.92	+0.53	
Portfolio	67.57	70.75		1.47
Smaller Cos	117.70	123.20	-0.10	1.80
Special Sits	139.40	145.90†	+0.60	1.57
UK Emerging Cos	86.87	90.96	+0.07	0.95
US Smaller Cos	84.17	88.13	-0.12	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers: 0800 181 890 Inv 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	94.36	100.70†	+0.20	6.34
Capital	547.70	584.50	+2.30	2.59
Income #	517.50	552.30	+2.80	5.41
Footsie Fund	50.20	50.86	+0.12	2.98
Tiida Index	100.50	107.30†	+0.10	2.19
UK Index	128.70	137.39	+0.30	3.27
International Funds				
American Growth	476.20	501.80	-1.20	0.63
American Index	197.90	210.90†	-0.30	1.21
European Growth	103.80	110.40	-0.30	0.35
Eurotrack 100	148.60	158.10†	-0.50	0.90
Global Bond	20.41	21.55	+0.02	6.23
Japan Growth	257.30	274.20	-5.70	..
Japan Index	74.80	79.83†	-2.23	0.04
Japan Smlr Cos	31.31	33.42†	-0.73	
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	49.10	52.40	-0.56	0.29
Hong Kong Gwth	86.32	92.12†	..	1.53
Spore & Mlysn Gth	66.38	70.84	-0.66	
Tiger Index	179.50	191.60	+1.26	1.51
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	28.19	29.26†	-0.03	1.12
General Funds				
Managed	67.16	69.71	-0.67	2.91
Rupert Chld Fnd	79.79	82.82	+0.34	2.59
UK Growth	55.76	57.87	+0.27	2.49
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	59.22	59.22†	+0.01	2.52
Cashbox (Acc)	59.21	59.21†	+0.01	2.52
UK Extra Inc	77.88	80.83†	+0.18	7.03
Gilt & Fixed Int	25.82	26.41	+0.07	7.77
UK Inc & Gwth	37.83	39.26	+0.14	4.19
UK Income	316.30	328.30	+1.10	3.86
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	47.80	49.51†	-0.14	0.57
Amer Smlr Cos	113.90	118.20	-0.20	...
(Accum Units)	115.10	119.40	-0.20	...
Europe Gth	144.10	149.20	-1.39	...
(Accum Units)	149.00	154.30	-1.30	..
Euro Smaller Cos	27.30	28.33	-0.20	..
French Growth	70.72	73.40†	+0.34	0.97
Accum Units	75.87	78.75†	+0.38	0.36
H Kong & China	69.93	72.64	-0.98	2.05
Intl Growth	53.50	55.53	-0.33	0.71
(Accum Units)	53.95	56.00	-0.34	0.71
Japan Gth	30.08	31.22	-0.94	..
Accum Units	30.08	31.22	-0.94	..
Japan Smaller Cos	36.80	38.20	-0.55	..
Glob Emrg Mkts	81.55	84.64	+0.52	..
Accum Units	82.12	85.25	+0.34	..
SE Asia	288.30	299.20†	-2.30	0.52
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	53.14	54.75†	-0.14	5.92
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
American Cap	129.30	137.40	-1.00	
Income	139.49	148.38	+0.45	4.11
UK Growth	51.06	54.31	+0.06	0.64
International	69.36	73.78†	-0.44	0.06
Ecology	75.32	80.12	-0.31	1.34
European	119.38	126.52	-1.06	..
Far Eastern	268.20	288.40	-1.60	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	46.86	49.84†	+0.29	7.76
Gilt Yield	111.80	117.80†	+1.00	6.79
Global Income	198.30	211.80†	+0.30	4.28
High Yield	129.20	137.50	+0.75	8.43
(Accum Units)	390.70	415.60	+2.94	8.43
Smlr Cos Div	47.86	50.94†	-0.06	3.29
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	85.81	91.29	-0.03	...
North American	74.82	79.60	+0.16	0.16
European Special	102.60	109.10	+0.70	0.14
European	145.70	155.09	+0.50	0.39
(Accum Units)	191.30	203.50	+0.60	0.39
General	257.80	274.30	+1.30	3.30
Global Eqty Inc	95.03	101.10	+0.20	1.19
Japan	375.30	399.30	-8.80	..
Japanese Special	215.00	228.70†	-4.50	..
Master Accum	221.50	235.60	-0.30	0.59
Pacific	299.70	318.80	-4.10	..
(Accum Units)	351.50	373.90	-4.70	..
Smaller Cos	100.80	107.26	-0.20	0.64
UK Equity Growth	36.47	38.80†	...	1.68
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS				
0171 628 1683				
Global Inc & Gth	58.01	61.71	-0.39	...
Inv Trust	60.63	64.50	-0.11	..
Cautious Inc/Gth	55.32	58.85	-0.23	1.50
High Inc Acc	52.86	56.23	+0.12	4.90
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 588 2800				
Income	538.80	549.80†	-1.0	6.17
Intl & General	383.00	390.80†	-0.40	0.01
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	247.44	263.23	+1.12	5.70
Inc & Growth Inc	51.47	54.76	+0.30	4.95
Smaller Cos	52.78	56.15	+0.10	1.46
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	230.10	244.70	+0.80	2.02
High Income	100.10	106.40	+1.30	4.70
International	90.84	96.63	+1.02	.84
Recovery Trust	59.27	63.05	+0.23	1.57
European Trust	76.75	81.64†	+0.42	0.88
Japanese Trust	40.10	42.65†	+0.86	..
American Trust	83.18	88.48	+0.29	.48
Managed	62.83	66.84†	+0.07	0.87
Cash	51.49	51.49		4.32
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 374 0616				
UK Cap	340.80	347.20	+4.10	2.83
UK Inc/Gth	367.60	373.00	+4.30	3.58
UK Income	256.40	260.60	+2.90	4.44
UK Sm Cos	219.80	228.50	-0.80	2.14
Euro Gwth	118.70	119.50	-1.50	..
N Amer Gwth	80.82	81.68	+1.45	0.24
Japan Gwth	60.47	61.12	-0.61	..
Money Mkt	123.63	123.03		1.500
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	439.30	467.30†	+0.60	2.80
(Accum Units)	873.10	928.80†	+1.38	2.80
Equity Income	90.87	96.67	+0.28	4.23
UK Tactical Allocn	52.94	56.21†	+0.39	3.16
European	109.50	116.50†	-0.30	1.00
Far Eastern	197.90	210.50	-2.50	..
Fixed Interest	48.48	52.84†	+0.21	6.55
Gilt	86.78	92.00	+0.39	8.76
Global Growth	67.91	72.24	-0.37	0.11
Intl Bond	50.96	54.12†	-0.01	5.21
Japanese	67.12	71.40	-1.30	..
North American	141.90	151.80†	-0.30	1.05
Pacific Growth	98.23	104.50	-1.30	0.42
UK Index	58.75	62.01	+0.11	3.31
UK Recovery	84.82	90.23	+0.07	1.99
UK Smaller Cos	113.10	120.30	-0.20	1.57
US Index	59.39	62.68	-0.13	1.80
European Index	70.59	74.50†	-0.39	1.61
Japan Index	38.98	41.15	-1.02	..
Worldwide	77.71	82.67	-0.23	1.60
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
0181 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 821				
Growth	47.29	50.58	+0.07	2.30
Income	56.35	59.21	+0.15	3.16
Far East	48.12	51.47	-0.84	
North American	91.78	98.15	-0.26	..
Global	85.29	91.22†	-0.22	0.36
European	80.47	86.06†	-0.42	0.72
Japan	100.70	107.70	-2.50	..
Intl Currency Bd	58.35	61.93	-0.19	3.92
SE Asia	91.35	97.70	-1.85	..
UK Cap Growth	86.73	92.76	+0.12	1.58
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	322.10	342.70	+4.40	3.07
-do- Acc	732.50	779.30	+10.10	3.07
Contl Euro Gth	63.91	64.12	-0.50	1.23
-do- Acc	65.09	68.52	-0.59	1.28
Extra Inc	240.23	255.60	-3.60	4.47
-do- Acc	623.70	663.50	-10.10	4.47
FTSE 100 Inc	93.50	99.47	-0.04	2.62
FTSE 100 Acc	93.50	99.47	+0.04	2.62
Eastern Gth	125.60	133.30	-1.80	0.19
-do- Acc	132.80	139.80	-1.90	0.19
Growth Port	505.70	538.00	-1.30	0.34
-do- Acc	514.20	547.10	-1.20	0.34
Hi Reserve Inc #	95.85	102.00	-0.30	6.37
Hi Reserve Acc #	95.83	102.00	-0.30	6.37
Income	452.50	481.40	-6.50	4.06
-do- Acc	£12.15	£12.93	-17.00	4.06
Income Port	488.50	513.70	+1.10	4.11
-do- Acc	518.20	551.30	+1.10	4.11
Japan Growth	95.69	101.80	-2.40	..
-do- Acc	96.03	102.20	-2.40	..
Master Trust	54.14	57.60	-0.14	1.59
-do- Acc	60.44	64.30	-0.15	1.59
N American Gen	173.80	184.90	-0.40	0.79
-do- Acc	200.80	213.70	-0.30	0.79
NAm Sm Co Rec	134.80	143.50		
-do- Acc	137.60	146.40	-5.10	
Pacific Basin	222.60	236.90†	-2.60	0.07
-do- Acc	236.50	251.60	-2.80	0.07
Small Cos Rec	336.90	354.70	-0.20	2.18
-do- Acc	450.50	474.30	-0.30	2.18
UK Growth	78.77	83.80	-0.02	2.79
-do- Acc	95.76	101.90	-0.16	2.79
Worldwide Gth	288.40	306.90	-2.90	0.64
-do- Acc	425.40	452.60	-4.50	0.64
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	63.56	68.19	-0.17	0.70
General	80.89	85.93	-0.11	2.60
Income	59.47	63.67†	-0.03	5.55
International	59.05	63.36	-0.51	2.50
Japan	53.54	57.44	-1.37	
Tst of Inv Trusts	62.06	66.58	-0.09	1.43
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	375.60	397.20†	-1.60	0.71
(Accum Units)	469.80	494.90	-2.30	0.71
Amer Recovery	435.40	460.40	-1.30	0.70
(Accum Units)	499.60	529.30	-2.60	0.70
Amer Smlr Cos	129.50	135.40	-0.90	
(Accum Units)	131.80	139.40	-0.90	
Australasian	142.10	150.30†	-0.40	2.37
(Accum Units)	173.80	183.90	-0.40	2.37
Capital	771.60	816.00†	-0.10	2.89
(Accum Units)	885.30	936.30		2.89
Charifund	607.60	642.40	-0.40	6.12
(Accum Units)	£29.73	£30.03	-1.80	6.12
Commodity	354.40	374.20†	-0.70	0.53
(Accum Units)	520.30	550.30	-1.20	0.53
Compound Grth	874.90	925.20	-0.60	3.41
(Accum Units)	917.10	969.80	-0.60	3.41
Dividend	37.30	39.40		4.58
(Accum Units)	156.40	165.60		4.58
Equity Income	315.50	333.60†	-0.50	5.25
(Accum Units)	409.80	433.40	-0.60	5.25
Euro & General	472.70	499.90	-4.20	1.26
(Accum Units)	597.90	632.30	-6.10	1.25
Euro Dividend	66.30	70.10	-0.30	3.78
(Accum Units)	79.90	84.40	-0.40	3.78
Extra Yield	381.60	403.50†		5.25
(Accum Units)	£12.05	£12.75	+0.10	5.25
Far Eastern	319.20	337.60†	-4.00	0.38
(Accum Units)	423.70	448.20	-5.30	0.38
Fund of Inv Tsts	576.70	609.90	-0.60	2.25
(Accum Units)	£10.77	£11.39	-1.60	2.25
General	56.50	59.70		3.97
(Accum Units)	158.80	167.90	-0.10	3.97
Gilt Income	57.77	57.87†	-0.17	8.16
(Accum Units)	160.85	161.15	-0.48	8.16
Gold	59.90	63.30	+0.70	1.11
(Accum Units)	70.70	74.80	+0.90	1.11
High Income	26.50	28.00		4.99
(Accum Units)	106.30	112.30	-0.10	4.99
Intl Growth	70.30	74.30†	-0.60	1.18
(Accum Units)	122.70	129.70	-1.30	1.18
International Inc	93.10	98.50	-0.50	5.00
(Accum Units)	138.20	146.10	-0.80	5.00
Japan & Gen	42.00	44.40	-0.90	..
(Accum Units)	45.10	47.70	-0.90	..
Japan Smlr Cos	146.70	155.10	-2.80	..
(Accum Units)	147.70	156.20	-2.60	..
Managed Income	25.70	27.08†		4.18
Midland	57.39	60.69	-0.10	3.40
(Accum Units)	191.40	202.50	-0.30	3.40
Pension Ex	869.50	891.30	-0.40	4.72
Recovery	38.20	40.40		2.94
(Accum Units)	62.70	66.40	-0.10	2.94
Second General	64.50	68.20	-0.10	3.71
(Accum Units)	167.50	177.30	-0.20	3.71
Smaller Cos	64.30	68.00†	-0.10	3.35
(Accum Units)	128.10	135.50	-0.30	3.35
Sterling Hi Int	23.87	23.96	+0.05	8.61
Treasury	25.95	26.18†		6.21
Trustee	38.50	40.70	-0.10	4.74
(Accum Units)	155.00	164.20	-0.40	4.74
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	76.23	81.09	-0.32	1.33
Intl Bond	62.46	65.69	-0.21	5.92
Intl Equity Growth	66.53	70.77	-0.45	0.83
N Amer Growth	92.79	98.61†	-0.42	1.17
Special Sits Growth	19.83	21.09†	-0.04	1.78
UK Growth	346.70	368.80	-0.80	2.97
(Accum Units)	452.20	481.00	-0.80	2.97
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	£12.28	£12.52	...	3.40
Income #	936.30	941.60		4.80
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	135.40	139.60	...	4.37
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD				
Dealings: 01438 747 414				
Growth Units	185.70	198.69		2.57
Gilt & Fxd Int	162.80	171.50	+0.30	7.05
Intl Growth	196.70	209.50	-2.20	0.31
North American	176.80	188.60	-1.00	0.83
Far East	248.20	263.30	-2.60	1.85
UK Smaller Cos	160.40	171.60	-0.10	1.84
European	77.01	81.90	-0.97	0.13
Japanese Growth	45.18	48.89	-1.05	..
High Income	177.30	189.60	-0.21	4.47
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
01244 680 066				
M & S Inv Ptflo	143.00	150.50	+0.27	2.43
-do- Accum	164.60	173.20	+0.27	2.43
UK Sel Ptflo	121.40	127.80	+0.39	2.68
-do- Accum	141.10	148.60	+0.39	2.68
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	83.24	87.28	...	4.68
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	66.25	70.44†	-0.15	4.83
European	76.81	81.54†	-0.80	0.41
Income #	68.88	73.13†	-0.63	5.25
Nth American	61.46	65.24	-0.16	8.57
Far East	155.60	165.20	-1.30	...
Japan	50.45	53.58†	-1.06	...
Emrging Mkts	83.02	88.79†	+0.78	..
Intl Growth	100.10	106.30	-0.90	0.74
UK Growth	83.13	88.25	-1.41	1.20
UK Smlr Co	43.06	45.71	-0.03	1.03
Asian Opps Fd	34.02	36.39	-1.16	0.37
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	386.80	411.49†	+1.36	4.34
Global Inc	64.82	68.96†	+0.17	3.0
Brit Leaders	330.30	351.38†	+1.82	2.55
Intl Leaders	194.35	206.76†	+0.56	0.80
PAM Mg Bal Gth	58.50	60.78†	+0.52	0.89
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0171 280 2860				
American	196.50	208.30	-1.10	..
(Accum Units)	210.00	222.70	-1.16	..
American Opps	86.83	92.73	-0.30	..
(Accum Units)	88.02	93.89	-0.32	..
British Blue Chip	73.55	78.18	-0.20	3.07
(Accum Units)	90.69	96.39	-0.25	3.07
Cash	100.70	100.70		6.60
(Accum Units)	138.30	138.30		6.60
Emerging Mkts	87.21	93.77	+0.510	0.15
(Accum Units)	87.29	93.86	+0.520	0.15
European Growth	234.10	248.00	-2.40	0.18
(Accum Units)	252.40	267.90	-2.70	0.18
European Income	79.78	84.33	-0.67	3.40
(Accum Units)	107.50	113.60	-1.10	3.40
General	460.50	490.40†	-1.90	2.53
(Accum Units)	913.20	972.70†	-2.20	2.53
Global Bond	124.80	131.10	-0.70	5.27
(Accum Units)	150.40	158.00	-0.90	5.27
Gold & General	189.20	203.40	-0.80	0.44
(Accum Units)	194.20	208.80	-0.60	0.44
Govt Securities	89.65	91.29	+0.510	8.07
(Accum Units)	172.40	177.70	+1.000	8.07
Income	138.60	147.40†	-0.10	4.81
(Accum Units)	218.60	232.40†	-0.39	4.81
Inc Portfolio #	89.53	95.06	+0.060	5.47
(Accum Units) #	91.58	97.15	+0.070	5.47
Intl Opps	425.90	453.70	-3.80	0.20
(Accum Units)	569.80	605.90	-5.30	0.20
Japan	158.90	169.30	-3.80	..
(Accum Units)	161.10	170.70	-3.90	..
New Europe	163.60	174.50†	-1.30	1.15
(Accum Units)	168.60	180.20†	-1.20	1.15
Pacific	104.70	111.70	-1.30	0.91
(Accum Units)	112.10	119.60	-1.30	0.91
Recovery	269.40	287.40	+0.100	0.90
(Accum Units)	343.90	366.80	+0.300	0.90
UK Smaller Cos	51.05	54.46†	-0.09	0.95
(Accum Units)	57.70	61.63†	-0.10	0.95
Portfolio	75.02	79.68	-0.18	2.90
(Accum Units)	88.08	93.55	-0.21	2.90
Managed Gth	90.84	95.15	-0.44	2.00
Managed Inc	97.46	101.10	-0.30	4.45
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 333				
Eurogrowth Plus	109.05	116.01	-0.92	.93
Portfolio	61.91	65.86	-0.25	0.59
UK Income Inc	69.34	73.77†	-0.16	5.08
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	57.93	60.86	...	3.30
(Accum Units)	60.95	63.82	...	3.30
British Tst	78.22	81.91†	+0.36	2.28
(Accum Units)	91.81	96.13†	+0.42	2.28
Extra High Inc	64.17	67.19	+0.06	6.67
(Accum Units)	124.20	130.00	+0.20	6.67
[illegible]	51.24	53.65	-0.13	2.52
[illegible]	50.45	52.32	[illegible]	2.52
[illegible]	52.42	54.55†	-5.44	7.06
[illegible]	153.70	159.30†	-1.20	7.06
[illegible]	257.52	273.50	-0.70	5.96
(Accum Units)	519.80	544.25	+1.52	5.96
Income	254.73	276.60†	+1.50	3.67
(Accum Units)	582.30	612.30†	+2.43	3.67
Money Market UT	49.39	49.39†	...	5.45
(Accum Units)	77.80	77.80†		5.45
Monthly Income	78.92	83.65†	-0.25	5.45
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.33	1.53
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.10	0.02
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.24
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.42	3.03
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.30	
Managed	65.12	69.57	-0.02	2.53
Money Market	87.07	90.29		4.35
North American	84.12	89.14	-2.37	0.50
Midland PEP/UTS Unit Trust				
[illegible]	[illegible]	92.46	-0.32	1.91
[illegible]	[illegible]	97.26	-0.08	0.01
[illegible]	[illegible]	84.23	-0.68	6.20
[illegible]	77.65	82.62	-0.42	3.10
[illegible]	[illegible]	52.13	-0.50	
Managed	65.12	57.15	-0.01	2.49
Money Market	82.52	85.33		4.31
North American	75.71	81.31	-2.10	0.60
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	86.57	92.41	+0.32	1.90
European Growth	89.59	94.96	-0.02	
Gilt & Fixed Int	73.55	77.90	+0.63	6.37
Income	75.93	87.73	-0.42	3.13
Japan Growth	50.39	53.41	-0.31	...
Managed	25.84	70.64	-0.01	2.48
Money Market	74.98	79.46		4.38
North American	84.79	83.98	-2.34	0.47
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5666				
International (US$)	11.91	12.67		.
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 826 0326 Enquiries: 0171 826 0123				
American Gwth	332.40	351.00	-1.60	
European Gth Inc	427.90	434.50	-3.90	0.29
(Accum Units)	423.20	439.20	-3.90	0.29
Intl Gwth	182.20	195.10	-1.40	.
UK Equity Inc	172.60	184.10	+0.30	3.25
UK Ind Trdr Inc	147.80	158.20†	-0.10	2.83
(Accum Units)	175.40	187.70†	-0.10	2.83
US Eq Inc Tdr Inc	195.20	208.10†	-1.10	1.54
Japan Tracker	71.50	75.33	-2.84	
Asian Trader	185.90	200.70	-2.30	0.31
Managed Inc	145.10	155.80	-0.40	1.49
Deposit Inc	99.85	99.83†	+0.01	4.81
Europa	172.20	185.00†	-2.00	0.28
Genesis	145.63	158.43	-0.10	2.30
High Income	21.31	22.60†	+0.08	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 890 933				
American	89.38	91.35	-0.35	2.71
American Inc	84.59	86.46	-0.33	2.71
American Reserve	81.92	82.74	-0.16	8.22
-do- Inc	70.34	71.04	+0.14	8.22
American Growth	142.30	146.70†	-0.80	..
Cash Income	49.74	49.74†	+0.01	5.21
Equity Income #	88.05	90.43†	-0.11	5.20
European	68.35	55.99	-0.45	0.35
Smaller Cos	72.83	75.41	-0.03	1.41
Olympiad	59.86	63.27†	-0.40	0.65
Global Bond	42.97	43.44†	-0.06	6.74
UK Growth	87.29	89.49	-0.16	2.20
Pacific Growth	35.39	100.00	-1.20	..
Japan Growth	67.17	68.69	-2.04	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	113.77	121.03	-0.50	2.97
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	66.21	72.56	+0.08	2.29
UK Income	100.96	107.40	+0.38	4.20
Higher Income	198.56	211.23	+0.72	5.14
Smaller Cos	73.65	78.35	-0.11	2.38
International	89.29	94.99	-0.14	1.94
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	97.67	104.46	-0.59	0.68
European Dist	106.70	114.10	...	...
Far East Dist	164.30	175.70†	.	..
Global Care Cos	64.27	68.74	-0.21	1.07
Oseas Dist	953.90	£10.20†	-4.00	0.15
(Accum Units)	£12.38	£13.24	-5.30	0.15
UK Dist	321.60	344.00	+0.90	2.68
(Accum Units)	630.80	674.70	+1.70	2.68
UK Extra Inc Dist	71.32	76.28†	+0.16	4.16
Wwide Dist	99.84	105.71	-0.60	0.21
Wwide Inc Dist	66.58	71.21	-0.21	2.68
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
Dlg: 01277 690 380 Admin Enq: 01277 690 398				
Europe Inc	60.12	63.45†	-0.29	0.50
Fund of Fnds Inc	54.52	57.54	+0.03	0.90
North America Inc	48.38	51.86	-0.21	0.51
UK Equity Grth Inc	54.76	57.79	+0.12	2.16
(Accum Units)	56.83	59.98	+0.12	2.16
UK General Inc	53.70	56.68	+0.13	2.65
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	45.61	48.03	+0.13	7.31
UK Income Inc	53.15	56.10†	+0.14	4.15
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 00 00				
Bond	114.37	121.32	-0.14	5.80
Bridge Fund	81.97	86.14†		2.23
Distributor	85.95	91.44†	+0.24	3.50
Financial	86.40	92.40	+0.01	3.88
General	170.70	181.60	-0.13	2.29
Global	300.25	319.42†	-1.67	0.79
Growth	115.72	123.11	+0.25	2.70
Higher Income Inc	25.32	27.08	+0.13	4.59
Income	213.17	226.78	+0.49	3.67
Managed	109.62	114.19	-1.59	1.80
Formerly Capital House				
American Gth Tst	35.11	37.55	+0.23	0.28
Cash Income	56.72	56.72		5.75
European Gwth	37.97	40.45	-0.20	0.22
Intl Gwth	27.75	29.67	-0.16	0.46
Japan Gwth	24.89	26.62	-0.50	..
Managed Tst Inc	44.92	48.04	+0.06	2.42
Oriental Opps Inc	125.60	134.50	-1.40	0.26
Property Shares	31.95	34.17	-0.07	0.86
Smaller Cos	28.95	30.96	-0.02	1.41
UK Growth Tst	24.15	25.82	+0.07	2.90
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	66.76	71.40†	+0.14	1.92
Cap Hse UK Inc	62.62	66.97	-0.21	3.06
Exempt (£)	29.84	30.70		1.78
German	49.79	52.99	-0.69	..
High Income	67.92	72.64†	+0.15	5.18
Mngd Ptflo Inc	101.70	108.70		1.07
Mngd Ptflo Acc	194.40	207.90		1.07
Monthly Income	73.10	78.18	+0.97	4.52
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
Managed	88.98	94.41	..	2.36
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	114.12	120.12†	-0.25	2.19
UK Equity	128.16	134.93†	+0.30	3.39
UK Equity Income	122.69	129.15	+0.38	3.60
UK Smaller Cos	108.65	114.37	+0.08	1.80
UK Equity Growth	120.98	127.33	+0.21	2.58
UK Index Trckg	130.81	137.69†	+1.41	3.82
Intl Index Trckg	137.27	144.49†	-1.38	1.22
International	220.45	232.05	-1.82	0.50
European	186.58	196.40†	-1.40	0.62
Pan European	123.27	129.76	-0.60	1.58
Nth American	169.24	178.15	-0.14	0.16
N Amer Smlr Cos	180.52	190.02	-0.89	..
Japanese	86.14	90.67	-1.92	..
Pacific	209.03	220.03	-3.30	0.37
South East Asian	227.82	239.80	-3.06	0.61
Intl Bond	131.43	138.35†	-0.47	4.42
Gilt & Convertible	101.34	106.67	+0.91	8.47
Property	81.92	86.23	-0.01	5.38
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	241.60	258.30	-2.50	0.09
(Accum Units)	255.70	274.40	-2.60	0.09
Japan Inc	103.70	110.70	-2.68	..
Nth American Inc	103.20	110.80	-0.30	0.47
Worldwide Inc	146.40	157.60	-1.30	0.94
Hong Kong Inc	123.60	132.80	-0.30	1.89
Swiss Equities Inc	65.27	69.93	-1.35	..
Wwide Bond Inc	58.60	62.03†	+0.11	5.64
Emrgng Asia Inc	198.50	213.00	-8.30	..
(Accum Units)	197.30	213.80	-0.20	..
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.24	50.24†		6.14
Thailand Inc	145.00	155.80	-2.70	1.84
Gold Trust Inc	68.70	74.71	+0.88	0.78
New Zealand Inc	84.15	90.45	-0.39	1.56
Int Mngd PEP Inc	58.67	62.89†	-0.31	1.23
Latin Am Corp Inc	44.22	48.24	+0.71	..
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	53.92	57.89†	+0.10	2.40
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	73.22	78.31	+0.90	..
Global Portfolio	65.22	69.75	+0.83	..
Global Opps	62.89	67.28	+0.47	..
Marsh Global Gth	58.82	62.28	-0.17	..
AAM Global Equity	51.64	54.73	+0.10	..
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	83.94	90.24	-0.10	..
Temple Equity Inc	40.56	44.37	+0.14	2.87
Hartley Growth	68.65	72.76		0.39
Intl Growth Inc	82.05	87.75	+0.53	0.29
IPS Portfolio Inc	76.08	81.37	+1.06	..
St Jms Nbl Inc Inc	46.99	49.84	-0.15	..
Premier Pertass Inc	83.43	87.84	+0.48	1.98
Roxborgh Strat Gth	87.31	71.99	+0.84	0.35
Tech Analysis	92.25	97.79	+0.14	..
Rosebery Growth	44.94	48.05	+0.30	0.37
International Strat	72.42	77.45	+0.92	..
UFC Ind-Act Grth	50.58	54.77	+0.57	..
Coverdale Topout	46.09	49.45	+0.76	
Prem Equity Inc	108.70	114.40	..	
Lowes Intl Growth	44.62	46.97	-0.32	1.07
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	226.20	240.60	-0.10	2.83
(Accum Units)	477.40	507.80	-0.20	2.83
Growth	147.30	155.00	-0.10	2.89
Income	224.00	238.38	-0.40	4.02
Intl Equity	236.50	251.60	-2.40	1.25
(Accum Units)	261.40	278.10	-2.60	1.25
UK Income	61.61	65.54	-0.02	3.61
UK Idx 25	74.98	79.76	-0.26	2.48
New Europe	74.00	78.72	-0.65	0.76
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	549.12	587.30	-0.68	0.70
(Accum Units)	549.69	587.91	-0.69	0.70
Income	338.24	362.83	+3.96	3.55
Wwide Recovery	351.27	375.63	+0.88	0.62
Amer Growth Inc	214.14	228.94†	+1.20	0.01
(Accum Units)	214.14	228.94	+1.20	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	222.64	238.12	+0.80	0.05
Far Estn Grth Inc	248.99	266.39	-1.01	0.35
(Accum Units)	248.99	266.39	-1.01	0.35
Euro Gwth Inc	137.07	146.60	+0.72	0.84
(Accum Units)	137.41	146.97	+0.72	0.84
UK Growth Inc	84.33	90.09†	+0.98	2.98
(Accum Units)	88.58	94.74	+1.03	2.98
High Income	90.87	96.98	+0.98	4.38
Jap Gwth Inc	200.31	213.50†	-4.05	0.01
(Accum Units)	200.31	213.50	-4.05	0.01
PEP Growth	110.76	118.46	+0.25	1.15
Asian Str Mkts Inc	113.09	120.96	-0.32	0.01
(Accum Units)	113.09	120.96	-0.32	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	125.02	133.72	+1.31	0.01
(Accum Units)	125.02	133.72	+1.31	0.01
Global Bond	53.19	56.04†	+0.24	6.04
UK Smaller Cos Inc	75.81	81.09	+0.16	1.64
(Accum Units)	78.77	84.25	+0.17	1.64
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3927				
American	93.02	98.96	+1.37	...
European	67.37	71.67†	+0.80	..
Global	57.49	61.16	+0.97	..
Pacific	53.50	56.91	-0.49	..
UK Inc & Gth	60.42	64.28†	+0.15	1.56
POINTON YORK UT MGRS				
0116 2550 540				
BRI Director Dlgs	85.64	91.20	+0.04	0.35
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	149.63	157.51	+1.78	0.11
Emerg Mkts	40.70	42.84	-1.50	
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01444 458 721				
Monthly Income	56.62	60.01	+0.38	2.70
Growth Income	59.67	63.25	+0.06	2.41
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	124.15	132.08†	+1.37	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	87.84	93.44	-0.66	3.69
Conv & Gilt	105.90	112.60†	...	6.55
European Income	70.01	74.48	-0.96	3.01
Extra Income	141.30	150.30		3.95
(Accum Units)	171.40	182.40		3.95
Far East	352.20	374.60	-6.60	0.08
(Accum Units)	358.80	381.70	-6.70	0.08
Global Income	23.80	25.32	-0.06	4.72
High Income	106.80	113.60		3.71
(Accum Units)	126.70	134.80		3.71
International	182.30	193.90	-0.70	0.68
(Accum Units)	187.80	199.80	-0.80	0.68
Pref & Fxd Int	42.80	45.53	+0.01	7.98
Recovery	67.91	72.25	+0.22	2.89
Special Sits	101.30	107.80	...	1.14
(Accum Units)	109.70	116.70	...	1.14
Technology	381.70	406.10	-2.90	..
Uk Blue Chip	64.23	68.33	+0.02	2.73
(Accum Units)	71.84	76.42†	+0.03	2.73
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3963				
Equity Gth	165.90	176.50†	+0.60	1.88
European Gth	93.50	99.11	-0.83	0.40
Income & Gth #	125.29	133.20†	+0.20	3.34
Japan Gth	110.60	117.50	-1.70	..
Nth Amer Gth	119.30	126.90	+0.49	0.17
Overseas Gth	85.51	90.97	-0.93	
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4460				
Managed Tst	35.18	36.45†	-0.07	1.80
Cash Haven Inc	101.18	101.67†	+0.01	5.03
Cash Haven Acc	111.74	112.29†	+0.01	5.03
Dist Trust Inc	92.17	95.45†	+0.02	6.22
Dist Trust Acc	95.26	98.71†	+0.03	6.22
Global Growth	84.17	89.54†	-0.15	1.25
Equity Inc	76.88	81.78†	+0.05	3.78
Equity	681.35	724.84	-4.49	2.42
European	202.23	209.56		1.01
High Income	83.62	88.95†	+0.30	5.21
Intl Grth	172.84	183.87	-0.74	1.03
Intl Sm Co	72.31	76.92	-0.46	0.50
Japanese	199.21	206.43†	-3.43	..
Nth Amer	165.38	171.37	-0.52	1.79
Pacific Mkts	95.60	99.86†	-0.55	0.56
Premier Inc	46.34	48.23	+0.16	6.65
Sm Cos	82.23	87.47	-0.04	1.50
Spec Sits	102.10	108.61	+0.32	2.31
UK Growth	114.04	121.31†	+0.50	2.37
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	282.70	299.90	-0.10	3.41
For Rock Asset see Northern Rock				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	511.42	544.03	-2.48	0.42
FA America (Acc)	597.90	636.03	-2.89	0.42
FA UK Equity Inc	147.57	157.44	+0.04	3.85
FA Japan	239.78	255.02	-6.10	..
FA Major UK Cos	89.57	95.53	-0.11	2.57
FA Smlr UK Cos	273.26	287.84†	-0.31	1.41
FA European	302.87	322.36	-2.01	0.71
FA Amer Smlr Cos	43.06	46.22	+0.03	0.15
FA Asia	43.78	47.05	-0.60	0.15
FA Jap Smlr Cos	42.99	46.01	-1.56	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	91.15	95.94	-0.12	
UK Smlr Cos	79.02	83.17	-0.09	..
UK Income	89.59	94.30	+0.02	..
America	102.74	108.14	-0.46	..
Japanese	52.74	55.51	-1.33	..
European	97.44	102.56	-0.64	..
Gilt	85.90	90.41	+0.31	..
Deposit	83.60	88.21		..
Managed	92.83	97.81	-0.35	..
RAM PSA/C Scheme				
Uk Major Cos	88.74	93.40	-0.12	..
Uk Smaller Cos	77.18	81.23	-0.09	..
UK Income	87.39	91.98	+0.02	..
America	99.98	105.23	-0.49	..
Japanese	51.32	54.01	-1.31	
European	94.91	99.90	-0.83	..
Gilt	84.91	89.37	+0.47	
Deposit	79.85	84.05		..
Managed	86.56	91.10	-0.16	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	78.65	83.98	-0.37	0.22
Pacific Basin	69.81	75.13	-1.08	..
High Inc Dist	127.00	135.80	+0.48	5.23
Ryl Life Intl Ctlry	55.77	59.27†	-0.08	4.43
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	63.05	67.30	-0.57	0.029
Ryl Life Intl Spec	59.13	62.68	-0.79	..
UK Emerging Cos	117.30	126.80	-0.10	1.21
UK Index Trckg	151.90	161.80	-2.90	3.51
European	122.70	131.50	-0.60	0.29
Managed	137.90	148.20†	-0.50	0.80
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	142.70	150.90		0.52
European Growth	105.60	111.80†	..	0.96
Far East Growth	120.30	128.00	..	0.51
Japan Growth	127.60	135.60		
Special Sits	178.00	189.30†	..	1.88
UK Growth	71.24	75.78		2.86
Triton General	223.20	237.50	..	0.82
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	147.30	155.90	-2.00	0.20
Gt Euro Prog Inc	318.70	337.20	-0.20	0.78
(Accum Units)	495.40	524.20	-0.30	0.78
Growth Inc	123.30	130.40	+0.20	0.77
(Accum Units)	125.50	132.80	+0.20	0.77
International Inc	317.20	335.70	+0.40	0.68
(Accum Units)	435.00	460.30	+0.40	0.68
Nth Am & Intl Inc	309.00	327.00		1.02
UK Gen Prog Inc	212.30	224.70	-0.30	1.36
UK High Inc Inc	123.10	130.30	+0.50	3.92
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
American Gwth	82.63	86.62	-0.04	..
Amer Smlr Cos	74.36	79.11	-0.18	..
Asian Gwth	101.64	108.12†	-0.50	0.75
European Gwth	64.41	68.41	-0.29	1.00
Global Bd	57.60	60.60†	-0.21	5.60
Global Eq	56.80	60.52	-0.03	0.50
Japanese Eq	48.39	51.47	-0.70	..
Japan Sm Cos	55.34	58.87†	-0.79	..
UK Gen	49.08	52.21	+0.52	2.80
UK Gwth	55.89	59.45	+0.32	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	67.72	72.04	-0.24	4.14
Amer Smlr Cos	110.20	117.20†	-0.40	...
Asian Smaller Cos	39.27	41.78	-0.88	..
Capital Portfolio	118.30	125.80	+0.30	2.04
Cash	126.50	126.50		5.52
China Dragon	53.74	57.17	-0.17	0.09
Commodity	115.80	123.20†	-0.40	0.48
Eastern Discovery	88.58	94.23	-1.17	..
Emerging Mkts	34.11	36.29	+0.05	0.43
Energy Inds	115.00	122.30†	-1.0	0.80
European Gwth	176.00	187.20	-2.20	..
Euro Inc & Gwth #	72.84	77.49†	-0.80	1.38
Euro Smlr Cos	51.98	55.30	-0.33	..
Extra Income #	49.19	58.83†	-0.03	6.89
Financial Secs	195.50	208.00	-0.30	1.68
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	45.85	48.81†	+0.02	8.64
Gold & Exploration	71.08	75.62†	-0.06	..
High Return #	212.90	226.50	-0.60	4.49
High Yield #	214.50	228.20	-0.30	4.22
Income #	111.30	118.40†	-0.10	4.73
Intl Bond	159.40	168.30†	-0.20	5.82
ITU	191.50	203.70	-0.70	1.56
Japan Growth	157.70	167.80	-3.20	..
Japan Smaller	161.80	172.10	-3.10	..
Korea	61.91	65.86	+0.30	..
Masterfund	51.54	54.83	-0.24	1.32
Scotbits	296.10	315.00	-0.40	1.44
Scotshares #	273.20	290.60		2.58
Scotyields #	222.10	236.30†	-0.40	4.12
Select Intl	128.70	136.90	-1.20	0.38
Smaller Cos Inc #	227.70	242.20	-0.10	4.15
SE Asia	48.65	51.75	-0.53	..
Special Situation	118.00	125.50	-0.10	1.04
UK Equity #	229.70	243.30†	-0.10	3.08
UK Growth	80.96	84.85	-0.04	1.54
UK & O'seas	153.20	163.00	-0.50	1.32
UK Smlr Cos Grwth	43.78	46.57†	-0.09	0.97
US Growth	145.80	155.10†	-0.20	0.46
Univ Growth	129.20	137.40	-1.0	0.76
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Bdr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	250.99	266.89	+1.62	0.92
(Accum Units)	274.14	291.29	+1.76	0.92
European Gwth	71.05	75.43	+0.55	0.91
Euro Smlr Cos	75.90	80.96	-0.36	0.37
Far Eastern Gth	87.55	93.38†	-0.91	..
(Accum Units)	89.13	95.07	-0.92	..
Gilt & Fixed Int #	48.14	51.81†	+0.51	8.04
Global Bond #	49.07	50.71	+0.10	7.11
(Accum Units) #	53.83	55.64	+0.12	7.11
Global Emer Mkts	45.90	48.96	-0.09	..
(Accum Units)	45.90	48.96	-0.09	..
Income #	327.47	349.30†	+1.95	5.48
(Accum Units) #	£10.41	£11.10	+6.20	5.48
Japan Smlr Cos	446.22	475.96	-7.91	..
(Accum Units)	447.11	476.91	-7.93	..
Japan Enterprise	63.29	67.50	-1.21	..
Pacific Gwth	119.69	127.68†	-0.11	0.40
(Accum Units)	123.55	131.78	-0.12	0.40
Portfolio	75.85	80.90†	+0.09	2.24
(Accum Units)	82.39	87.88	+0.10	2.34
Seoul	47.65	51.27	+0.44	
(Accum Units)	47.65	51.27	+0.44	
Smaller Cos	199.31	212.58	-0.21	1.54
Tokyo	114.75	122.40†	-2.39	..
(Accum Units)	115.81	123.84	-2.41	..
UK Enterprise	239.55	255.52	+0.59	2.28
(Accum Units)	287.37	306.53	+0.71	2.28
UK Equity	226.73	241.84	+1.02	2.92
(Accum Units)	440.57	469.93	+1.98	2.92
US Smlr Cos	158.12	168.68	+0.55	..
(Accum Units)	45.95	47.85	-0.16	0.66
Institutional Funds				
European	225.08	233.83†	-2.17	1.31
(Accum Units)	250.61	260.36	-2.41	1.31
Euro Smlr Cos	27.85	29.01	-0.27	1.88
(Accum Units)	29.56	30.78	-0.29	1.88
Global Equity Inc	73.78	76.85	-0.83	0.86
Japan Smlr Cos	36.35	37.86	-0.66	0.27
(Accum Units)	36.63	38.16	-0.66	0.27
Mngd Balanced	178.54	185.97	-0.11	2.89
(Accum Units)	201.42	209.81	-0.13	2.89
Overseas Equity	176.26	183.62	-1.83	1.26
(Accum Units)	182.52	190.12	-1.90	1.26
Ocean Smlr Cos	118.51	123.44†	-1.21	0.75
(Accum Units)	123.78	128.94	-1.26	0.75
Pacific	224.58	233.91	-1.93	1.38
(Accum Units)	245.04	255.24	-2.11	1.38
Recovery	£17.11	£17.82†	+5.74	3.15
(Accum Units)	£18.09	£18.84	+6.06	3.15
UK Index	144.97	151.01	-0.17	3.68
(Accum Units)	176.86	184.22	-0.21	3.66
UK Small Cos	105.43	109.81†	-0.10	2.99
(Accum Units)	113.01	117.72	-0.10	2.99
US Smlr Cos	45.14	47.02	+0.16	0.86
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	46.65	49.69	-0.01	3.95
Equity Trust	56.96	60.66	-0.09	3.24
Equity Strategy	66.90	71.25	+0.11	2.08
European Oppor	81.15	86.42	-1.22	1.04
UK Smaller Cos	57.77	61.53	-0.01	1.42
Mountain Inc	98.32	100.86	-0.01	7.31
Japanese	70.18	74.74	-1.95	..
Asia Pacific	109.23	116.39	-1.16	1.43
American	98.47	104.87	+0.24	0.70
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	31.04	31.04		5.974
UK General Inc	48.98	52.21	-0.12	2.84
(Accum Units)	62.89	67.05	-0.15	2.84
Intl Income	248.20	263.50†	-3.00	1.01
(Accum Units)	426.10	453.00†	-6.10	1.01
European	75.38	79.86	-0.31	1.47
Japan	64.75	68.63	-1.44	0.06
American	65.71	69.59†	-0.22	1.59
Far East	78.83	84.09	-0.71	0.76
Ethical Inc	27.74	29.67†	-0.05	2.15
Uk Blue Chip Inc	31.74	33.91†	-0.01	2.96
High Inc Inc	33.91	36.17	-0.05	3.44
UK Global Inc	37.35	39.81†	-0.02	1.52
Wwide Tact	64.96	69.44†	-0.48	1.29
Europe 2000 Tact	50.42	53.58	-0.19	1.51
Technology	105.21	112.08†	-0.38	1.51
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	360.10	384.80	+0.88	2.11
American	257.50	273.50	+0.80	0.88
Pacific	357.00	381.80	-5.10	0.04
European	580.50	567.40	-4.00	1.42
Worldwide	84.11	89.66	+0.30	0.78
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	252.10	268.20	+1.10	2.44
(Accum Units)	318.10	338.50	+1.10	2.44
UK Sir Co Eq Inc	184.50	196.30	+0.50	2.42
(Accum Units)	221.10	235.20	+0.50	2.42
Select Oppnty Inc	62.22	66.55†	+0.17	2.21
Income Plus Inc	65.67	69.87†	+0.58	4.42
European Inc	325.50	346.30	-1.60	1.46
(Accum Units)	367.70	391.30	-1.50	1.46
Far Eastern Inc	159.70	169.90	-1.30	0.00
(Accum Units)	181.70	193.40	-1.50	0.00
Japanese Inc	56.75	60.38	-1.19	..
Nth American Inc	234.10	249.10	-1.30	0.07
(Accum Units)	257.80	274.30	-1.30	0.07
Intl Growth Inc	187.90	199.85	-2.30	0.09
Wwide Venture Inc	75.11	79.91†	-0.60	1.48
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 668 3724				
Equity Inc	340.10	362.70	-0.70	3.89
(Accum Units)	498.80	531.90	-1.10	3.89
UK High Inc	170.60	181.90	-0.70	4.55
(Accum Units)	246.20	262.60	-1.00	4.55
Europe Inc	344.00	366.90	-3.70	0.67
Nth Amer Inc	215.70	230.00	-0.60	..
Global Inc	187.20	199.70	-2.20	0.59
UK Spec Sits Inc	90.64	96.67		3.67
South East Asia	202.50	218.80	-1.40	0.05
Cash Trust Inc	101.10	101.10		5.79
UK Smllr Cos Inc	94.33	100.60		2.39
(Accum Units)	94.46	102.90		2.39
Intl Bond Inc	90.75	96.38	-0.80	5.53
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	136.58	143.40†	+0.30	4.49
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	119.60	125.90	-1.10	0.86
Nth American	102.50	107.90	-0.50	0.85
Intl Bond & Curr	119.20	125.60	-0.20	5.88
Pooled Pension (£)	171.40	184.30	...	2.32
Smaller Cos	69.28	72.82	-0.05	1.54
UK General	120.70	127.10	-0.50	2.59
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund‡	98.97	..	+1.06	..
Aslect‡	82.05	..	+5.41	..
European‡	119.70	..	+0.66	..
Global Bond‡	98.35	..	+0.64	7.30
Samurai‡	58.51	...	-2.66	..
UK Growth‡	93.81	...		2.92
Tal Pad‡	85.22	...	+0.29	..
UK Emerg Leaders‡	97.75	...	-0.16	1.49
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	306.60	324.40†	+0.80	..
Canadian	63.12	66.79	+0.08	0.09
Capital	113.90	121.89	+0.20	1.64
Cash	101.89	101.89	+0.04	6.15
European	128.60	136.00	-0.40	0.80
Far Eastern	142.80	151.10	-0.10	..
Growth	123.80	131.00	+0.30	1.32
Income	116.90	123.70†	-0.10	6.64
Magnum	122.10	130.60	+0.30	1.83
Smllr Sics	347.60	367.90	+1.30	1.17
Thoroughbred	141.60	151.90	+0.40	1.48
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
Cash	50.28	50.76	+0.01	5.10
Quality Primace	52.62	56.13†	+0.18	6.28
Ethical	52.34	55.68†	+0.04	2.89
European Growth	70.61	75.32	-0.38	3.80
Income	51.68	55.13	+0.11	6.30
Intl Growth	94.78	101.10	-0.50	3.00
Managed	79.10	84.37	-0.16	3.90
UK Growth	58.28	62.16†	+0.11	3.58
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	36.88	36.87†	...	2.01
Global Advtg Acc	39.33	38.53		2.81
Income Advtg Inc	28.59	29.74†	-0.28	4.38
Income Advtg Acc	32.00	32.97	-0.28	4.30
UK Equity Gth Acc	60.62	64.26	+0.10	1.71
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	47.79	50.78	...	1.83
UK Eq HI Inc Inc	34.27	36.42	..	4.86
UK Eq HI Inc Acc	42.45	45.11	..	4.86
UK Equity Gen Acc	58.35	62.00	-0.10	2.55
UK Equity Gen Inc	43.18	45.86	-0.10	2.55
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	29.89	31.72		6.48
Ocean Lrg Co Acc	297.90	325.30	-1.10	1.84
Nth American Acc	44.13	46.89	-0.20	0.89
Far East Acc	64.61	66.65	+0.10	0.24
European Acc	49.74	52.85	-0.40	0.60
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	3.625	3.850	...	1.45
US Eqts (US$)	2.412	2.562		0.68
Far East Eqts (yen)	212.50	225.70		..
Japan Eqties (yen)	198.70	212.20		..
FT Europe	120.90	128.40	..	1.54
FT N Amer (US$)	1.835	1.945	..	0.92
FT Japan (yen)	199.70	212.20		..
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.286	2.430	...	0.99
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	366.20	388.80	-0.80	..
British #	933.50	987.60	-0.10	4.91
Emrging Mkts	128.20	136.50	+0.20	..
European	525.00	559.10	-2.50	0.60
Japan	135.90	143.80	-3.50	..
New Pacific	354.00	377.00	-2.30	0.74
(Accum Units)	373.10	397.40	-2.40	0.74
Inv Trust Acc	239.70	254.10		0.89
Mngd Equity	163.80	173.30	+0.10	1.58
Mngd Cash	98.12	98.12	+0.01	5.51
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
Equity	769.20	822.70	+1.30	3.41
North America	120.80	129.20	-0.20	0.89
Far East	132.00	141.20	-2.20	0.43
Wwide Bond	57.05	60.58	+0.15	5.09
European	98.55	105.40	-0.30	0.21
Equity Income	83.94	89.78	+0.30	4.88
Portfolio	80.67	86.28	-0.17	2.08
UK Leading Cos	57.28	61.10	+0.12	3.37
Broker Trusts				
Intl Equity	61.92	66.22	+0.68	..
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 825 725				
American Growth	33.12	35.43	-0.23	0.98
Managed Assets	130.11	139.46	+0.44	2.82
UK Income	38.47	41.15	+0.31	3.93
UK Growth	36.87	39.44	+0.29	2.78
Worldwide Growth	33.38	35.71	-0.30	0.83
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	45.24	48.13	+0.20	..
Cap Protector Inc	39.23	41.96	+0.25	2.80
UK Income Inc	47.64	50.95	+0.30	3.47
Mngd Exed Inc Inc	31.21	33.38	+0.17	3.83
Mngd High Yld Inc	74.98	80.19	+0.43	4.26
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	70.48	75.38	+0.48	3.79
UK Smaller Cos	31.85	34.06		2.85
Pacific Grth Port	42.73	45.70†	-0.32	0.59
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	205.75	217.73	...	..
(Accum Units)	226.63	239.82	...	..
Brit Growth	91.35	96.67	...	2.97
(Accum Units)	109.83	116.33	...	2.97
European	99.92	105.74†	...	0.78
(Accum Units)	106.26	112.44†	...	0.78
Extra Income	178.52	188.91†	...	4.71
(Accum Units)	307.46	325.35†	...	4.71
Smaller Cos	66.14	69.99†	...	1.81
(Accum Units)	74.58	78.92†	...	1.81
General	263.04	278.35	...	2.79
(Accum Units)	544.48	576.18	...	2.79
Premier Income	47.20	49.16	...	4.84
(Accum Units)	107.84	112.33	...	4.84
Income	308.36	338.30	...	4.28
(Accum Units)	676.11	715.46	...	4.28
Pacific	381.09	403.27	...	..
(Accum Units)	400.43	423.74	...	..
International	508.22	537.80	...	0.56
(Accum Units)	668.28	707.17	...	0.56
Nat Resources	145.10	153.55	...	..
Sictl Opps	98.19	103.90†	...	1.88
(Accum Units)	125.70	133.02†	...	1.88
Environmental Inv	58.84	62.27†	...	2.03
Selector	58.23	61.62	...	2.41
(Accum Units)	65.68	69.50	...	2.41
High Income	60.27	63.78	...	5.08
(Accum Units)	76.79	81.26	...	5.08
Intl Income	57.15	60.48	...	5.11
(Accum Units)	70.26	74.35	...	5.11
Selector Income	57.82	61.18	...	5.81
(Accum Units)	67.90	71.85	...	5.81
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0181 667 1018				
British	305.20	321.20†	+0.80	2.95
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	192.77	206.17	...	2.02
Glob Balncd Inc	164.47	175.90	...	3.75
Value Tst Inc	116.51	124.61	...	1.84
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 248 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	39.82	41.83†	-0.03	7.80
European Growth	259.78	275.33†	-2.24	0.58
Exempt	497.39	519.80	-8.52	3.89
Global Em Mkts	72.51	77.34	+0.02	0.40
Japan Tst	73.18	77.59	-1.87	..
Little Dragons	80.91	86.30	-0.98	..
Nth Amer Gwth	226.33	241.22	-0.56	0.60
Oriental Income	42.04	44.84	-0.30	2.59
Preference	125.55	134.27	-0.87	8.70
Tiger	251.21	267.95	-2.64	..
(Accum Units)	263.93	281.52	-2.78	..
Uk Blue Chip	58.79	62.68	+0.06	2.19
UK Growth	476.78	509.80	+0.95	2.59
Uk high Yield	98.04	104.85	+0.50	4.80
(Accum Units)	318.11	340.22	+1.63	4.80
UK Mid-Cap	233.38	249.60	+0.88	2.59
UK Smlr Cos	94.13	100.67†	+0.61	1.20
UK Smlr Cos Div	82.28	88.00	-0.02	5.50
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 336				
UK Equity Income	93.92	99.91†	+0.25	3.30
UK Equity Growth	82.87	88.18†	+0.28	2.64
European	67.21	71.50	-0.64	1.33
Nth American	68.98	73.38	-0.13	1.13
Far Eastern	66.37	70.61	-1.63	0.85
Money	67.37	67.37		4.65
Fixed Interest	70.70	75.21†	+0.26	8.69
Index Linked Gilt	64.63	68.78†	+0.35	1.38
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0131 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	23.87	25.12	+0.09	..
Pacific Basin	41.44	43.62	-0.25	..
Global Bond (US$)	0.85	0.89	+0.004	..
Penny Share	33.03	34.76	+0.43	..
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 600 0452				
Challenger	93.34	95.50	+0.44	..
Short Dtd Gilt	111.00	112.40	+0.20	..
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.74	0.75	+0.00	0.84
Gilt Income	49.11	51.10	+0.18	7.78
Gilt Growth	69.20	72.02	+0.49	..
City Reserve	52.21	52.21		5.75
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	47.42	50.24	+0.42	1.32
UK Stockmarket	74.34	78.71	+0.66	2.81

Source: Finstat
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High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
523	380½	Abbey Natl	437½	+13½	5.1	9.4
314	233	Allied Irish	258		5.5	9.9
278½	171	Aus New Z	221	+6	5.3	7.9
3300	2462½	Bank America†	2962½	-37½		
247	172½	Bank Scotland	210	-1	3.2	11.8
640	487	Barclays†	598	+6	4.4	8.8
319	246	Bk of Ireland	300		4.8	8.7
2812½	2262½	Citicorp	2606¼	-43¾		
285½	203	Close Bros†	244	+4	4.0	11.0
£150½	£121½	Commerzbk	£147	-5¾	6.1	
1266½	993½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1125	-34½	0.5	
£344½	£270½	Deutsche Bk	£311¼	-37½	2.4	
1315¼	625	Espirito Santo	662½	-15¼	12.4	
90	57	First Nat Fin	72		2.6	46.0
1549¼	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1357½	-18	0.4	
473	195	Hambros	208	+7	9.0	12.8
1113	589	HSBC	666	+8	5.2	8.1
1133	578	HSBC HK	658	+10	5.3	8.0
443	383	Joseph (L)	383	...	5.8	11.1
693	424	Kleinwort Bent	569	...	4.7	11.1
680	519	Lloyds†	571	+5	5.6	9.6
620¼	472	Nat Aust Bk	505	+14	6.9	8.6
622	421	Nat West†	501	+9	5.4	8.1
3300	2100	Ottoman Bank	2375		8.1	5.7
79	59	Rea Bros	58		2.0	16.2
538	373½	Royal Bk Scot	410½	+1½	4.2	11.8
1574	1050	Schroders	1440	+2	1.8	13.2
1458	1043	Schroders N/V	1300	-5	1.8	11.9
114	75	Singer & Fried	82	-½	5.5	
358½	223	Stand Chart	284	+7	3.6	8.4
291	197	TSB†	234	+8	4.8	10.0
1012	569	Warburg SG	703	+8	3.9	12.9
£105	8512½	Wells Fargo	9937½	-100	2.9	
260	194	Westpac	231¾	+3¾	2.4	
390	200	Wintrust†	206	-5	6.4	13.9

BREWERIES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1025	145	Ascot Hldgs	146			
619	485	Bass	499	+5	5.3	12.3
299	239	Boddingtons†	242		4.8	12.4
196	168	Burtonwd Brw	170		3.8	14.2
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	154		3.3	18.7
66	46¼	Fosters Brewing	55	+2	5.1	14.0
493	335	Fuller Sm 'A'	348		2.8	14.4
511	399	Greenalls Grp	405	-1	4.0	13.3
584	452	Greene King	471		3.5	12.8
267	239	Hardy Hanson	256		4.6	12.4
170	135	Heavitree	156		3.6	
3773	3125	Holt J	3380		1.8	18.6
248	195	Mansfield	232		2.5	14.2
314	256	Marston Thmp	269	-2	2.8	13.1
545	425	Morland	430		3.1	12.9
10½	6½	Paramount†	7		4.4	16.5
329	209	Regent Inns†	328		2.2	18.7
1787½	1000	SA Breweries	1787½	+12½	1.6	28.8
591	477	Scot & New	497	+8	4.4	14.2
306	212	Vaux Group	213		5.8	12.0
501	324½	Wetherspoon JD	501	+1	1.6	27.6
617	494	Whitbread	534	+5	4.5	14.6
589	483	Wolvrhmptn D	491	+1	3.5	12.7
208	148	Yates Bros	201		2.4	15.8
535	450	Young 'A'	483		4.0	19.6

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
205	130	Abbey	130		5.0	9.5
200	143	Allen	153	...	4.6	14.3
184	56	Amec	62	...	6.0	35.8
187	47	Andrews Sykes	165	...		
462	333	Ashtead†	419	+1	1.7	17.9
191	92	Avonside	92		6.0	10.8
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	35		2.5	21.4
88	18½	Barcom	37			
292	139	Barratt Devs	167	+4	4.5	13.0
169	122	Beazer Homes	129	+2	5.3	10.0
304	179	Bellway	183	+2	4.8	10.8
59	27	Bellwinch†	29		0.9	15.5
573	315	Berkeley Gp	335	+4	2.7	10.7
215	118	Bett Bros	174		3.2	5.3
355	210	Bond (Henry)	210		4.0	10.3
136	35	Brandon Hire	118		1.9	
235	122	Br Bldg & Eng	124		8.2	18.8
197½	105	Bryant†	118	+4	5.3	11.2
145¼	98	CALA	106		3.6	12.0
54	29	Campbell & Arm	29	-3		
62	44	Clarke T	54	...	9.9	
42	10	Costain	11			
185	85	Countryside†	86	+1	8.1	10.9
120	71	Crest Nicholson†	72	+½	3.5	
140	80	Cussins	88	...	5.5	
30	17	Edmond Hldgs	24½	...	0.8	
473	228	Eve Group†	230	...	6.0	9.4
60	24	Galliford†	24½		5.1	
112	85	Gibbs & Dandy	87		3.8	
1028	823	Gleeson (MJ)	863		2.1	14.8
86	71	Green (Ernst)	81	-2	9.3	25.0
197	121	Havelock Euro	192		2.0	17.6
169	138	Hewden-Stuart	152	+2	2.4	17.5
144	78	Higgs & Hill	81	+1	3.9	
32	17	Howard Hldgs	17		5.9	13.0
25	6	Jarvis	9			
138	103	Keller	103		4.6	11.9
428	185	Laing (J)	193	+2	5.8	17.4
164	83	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	84½	+½	9.5	
145	115	Lon Clydeside	117		5.7	12.4
173	32	Lovell (YJ)	32		4.0	3.8
253	191	Maunders (J)	191	-1	3.8	11.4
321	148	McAlpine (A)	148	-1	5.5	21.7
76½	48	McCarthy & S	48½			17.1
64	51	Morgan Sindall	54	+1	0.2	
185½	83	Mowlem (J)	83	-1	3.0	
379½	183	Persimmon	184	+11	6.7	
2400	1450	Pochins	1600	-200	2.3	17.9
198	105	Prowting	105		4.3	16.0
116	25½	Raine Ind	25½	-1	12.5	5.2
61	45	Secure Retire	47			15.2
132	93	Redrow†	101	+2	3.3	11.8
87	50	Swift-Rve	55		1.7	25.9
398	233	Sherill Hldgs	385		2.0	15.2
112½	61½	Shanks	69		5.1	12.5
245	195	Smart (J)	203		5.2	21.3
283	159½	Spados	284	+1	1.0	29.6
257	151	Tay Homes	160		5.0	11.8
180	114½	Taylor Woodrw	119		1.8	29.7
760	433	Tilbury Dougls	433		9.5	33.2
59½	34	Town Hire▼	52	-½	3.1	18.2
40½	16	Try Group	16		3.9	
119	90	Vibroplant	104	-1	4.5	18.7
170	98	Walsbrooke	98	-1	6.2	10.6
74	48	Ward Hldgs†	54		4.8	17.0
225½	123	Westbury	126½	+2½	5.3	11.5
7½	3½	Wiggins	4			
259	124	Wilson (C)	136	+6	3.9	11.3
571	308	Wilson Bowdn	312	+2	3.8	13.9
249	113	Wimpey G	117	-1	6.1	14.0

BUILDING MATERIALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
27	9	Allenglkton	9	-½	6.9	15.2
343	283	Alumasc†	335		2.5	16.8
69½	43½	Amberley Gp	48		3.3	24.7
363	274	BPB Ind	277	+1	3.8	14.2
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	125		3.1	12.9
60	27	Baron	27		8.3	
93	58	Bockleys	59		1.9	
391	255	Blue Circle	274	+7	5.1	19.5
117	72	Breedon PLC	72		8.0	20.6
154	128	Br Dredging	132		5.3	15.9
409	321	CRH	350	-4	2.9	
70	31	Cakebread Rby	41			4.4
278	198	Cape	204	-1	8.9	
455	220	Caradon	244	+2	4.5	16.2
215½	114	Caradon pf	121½	...	7.5	
62	31	Chieftain Grpt	31		12.1	11.5
134	89	Dyson (J&J)†	106		4.1	16.0
97	63	Dyson 'A'†	63		6.8	9.5
13¼	4½	Eclipse Blinds	11½			
350	273	Epwin	288	+9	3.9	
82	57	Erith	61		2.9	34.3
218	160	Graham Grpt	166		4.0	
399	312	Halstead (J)	318		2.9	14.7
511	264	Hepworth	266	-4	7.0	15.1
88	46	Hewetson†	80		2.3	13.9
152½	63½	Heath (J)	77	-2	2.8	
473	246	Heywd Wlm	249		6.8	14.0
100	67	Ibstock	81	-1	1.5	
294	149	Johnston	271		2.1	32.5
170	85	Lilleshall†	85		7.1	
213½	120	Marley	130	+3	4.0	15.4
155	123	Marshalls†	123		4.6	11.0
569	289	Meyer Intl	290	-2	4.7	11.3
196	146	Newman Tnks	164		4.9	20.7
212½	76	Norcros	79	+1½	11.1	15.0
20	9	Phoenix Timber	16			
208	143	Pilkington	167	+2	3.0	32.2
185	122	Polypipe†	129	+2	2.3	13.6
1079	805	RMC Gp	959	+7	2.8	19.8
40	9	Ramus	9			
640	414	Redland	434	+2½	7.2	20.1
115	70	Rockel	115		4.7	
185½	102½	Rugby Group	105	-2	4.4	12.7
103	62	Russell (A)	89		3.2	18.3
288	222	SIG	233		3.3	
21	14½	SWP	14½		1.7	
200	155	Sharpe & Fisher	175		3.1	12.8
81½	36	Spring Ram	38½		1.6	
236	99	Tarmac	104½	+2½	6.6	
220	156	Tilon	155		3.6	12.5
370	274	Travis Perkins	278	+2	3.7	17.1
28	21	Tudor	28		1.1	
54	33	Unigroup	34			
63	33	Waterhouse	38			
129	83	Wickes	103		2.2	18.4
487½	324	Wolseley	341	-7	3.3	5.6

BUSINESS SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3¼	1½	Anglo Utd	1½			
110	57	App Holo	65			
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	7½			
49	30	Black Arrow	42		9.2	6.7
124	70	Br Bloodstock	73			85.5
13	5¼	Card Gp	9½			16.0
10½	4½	Chernex	9½		2.1	18.0
157	109	Cosalt	138		7.2	9.3
237	188	Fairbairn	219		1.2	18.8
60	28	Headway	29		3.0	22.6
292	234	Hozelock	248		3.7	12.3
246	147	Leigh	151		6.5	14.0
274	214	Nobo Gp†	223	-1	3.5	14.5
310	207	Photo-Me†	224	+1	2.7	21.7
60	38	Parr & Gen	53		4.1	
12½	2½	Porth Group	#2¼			
51½	5½	Rodime	9½			
120	79	Stanks & McEwan	74		3.5	
244	163	Sinclair (Wm)†	165	-1	5.5	12.3
700	283	Waste Mgt Intl	294	-14		

CHEMICALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
156½	109	Allied Colloids	118	+2	2.5	16.7
790	705	Amber Ind	783		3.4	15.5
£141½	£106½	BASF DM	£126¾	-46½	5.0	
757	627	BOC	698	+1	4.4	16.7
365¼	236	BTP	254	+1	5.4	14.4
£160½	£129½	Bayer DM50	£152¾	-56½	3.8	
171	97	Blagden	106		1.8	49.6
131	98	Brent Chemsct	104½		5.0	
309	210	Br Vita	245	+3	4.0	18.0
46	18	Cambridge Iso	35			
203	153	Camvog (W)	202	+1	4.5	34.2
550	401	Courtaulds	450		4.2	30.7
369	324	Croda	345	+4	3.1	14.8
143	95	Doeflex	138	+5	-4.9	
82	33½	Euro Colour▲	82		2.6	23.7
149	110	Gibbon	118		5.8	10.9
223	108	Hickson	129		7.8	11.6
£153½	£108½	Hoechst	£131¼	-46½	3.9	
250	153½	Holliday Chem	200	+1	2.8	18.3
368	660	ICI†	678		5.1	31.3
191½	97½	Kalon	#139		4.1	
843	620	Laporte	659	+4	4.3	14.0
95	48	MTM†	90		2.3	
405	290	Manders	308		4.1	15.0
137	100	McLeod Russel	112		6.8	12.4
128	30	Metrotect	35	+4	12.3	4.7
679½	358½	Montedison	433¼	-13¼	4.3	21.0
349	265	Porvair†	300		2.0	20.7
272	186	Scapa	203		3.7	16.5
20	16	Sutcliffe Speak†	19		4.6	11.3
857½	656	Takeda Chem	760	-6½	1.3	9.4
490	325	Wardle Storeys	345		6.2	19.2
230	186	Wellington Hdg	190	+2	3.7	
823	570	Wisemme	765		3.1	16.0
493	334	Yorks Chem†	340		3.2	15.2
336	243	Yule Catto	244	-1	3.4	18.5

DISTRIBUTORS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
137	94	ABI Leis	94		5.4	10.8
317	248	Acal	294	...	3.0	15.9
595	253	Adam & Harvey	545	...	3.6	6.8
31	18	Alexanders†	18	...	6.9	8.7
175	88	Appleyard	93	...	7.8	16.4
6	3¼	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	1.7	26.8
578	495	BSS Group	532		4.3	18.8
25½	17	Beatrag Power	21		8.0	10.8
40	26	Bogod 'A'	26		3.4	11.0
370	288	Brammer	349		4.7	19.4
37	12	Bridgend Gp	14		1.8	72.8
99	78	Brit Fittings	94		3.0	
71	35	Brown & Tawse	35	-1		
57	35	Burndene	38		8.3	
485	240	Caffyns	240		8.0	39.4
59	12	Cosler Pk	17	-½	8.1	9.4
130	66	Central Mrt	89	+2	5.0	45.9
51	32½	Cook (DC)	35		4.1	10.7
342½	197½	Cowie†	245	-1	4.7	
192½	126	Dag Motors	126		6.4	14.5
663	446	Dennis B	588		1.4	14.5
628	414½	Diploma	417		4.0	14.6
589	443	Electrocomponts	493		2.6	20.2
175	133	Electron House†	155	+2	2.9	13.0
283	225	Ellis & Everard†	239	-2½	4.1	15.8
234	193	Eurodollar	193		5.5	15.1
173	87	European Mtr	90		6.3	9.8
539¼	366	Evans Halshaw	369		4.8	11.6
656	490½	Farnell Elec	543		1.8	22.3
78	50	File Indoor	53		6.5	7.8
34	15	Gardners†	19	-½	5.3	
48	16	Glencheaton	16			17.7
90	60	Gowrings	71		3.5	21.5
76	59	Hallor Hldgs	62			48.4
172	122	Harris (Phillip)	168		5.1	14.7
342½	258	Henlys†	280		3.8	
191	87	Holders Tech	87		8.6	9.4
138	97	ISA Intl	97		2.5	
609	288	Inchcape	304	-1	6.2	10.1
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	58			13.4
184	142	Kwik-Fit	143½	-1	3.5	16.5
573	277	Lex Service†	294		6.0	15.6
282	162	Lookers	171	-1	5.7	9.2
30	14	Malovo Grp	14		2.2	
9	3½	Middlesex	6½	-½		
440	279	Norbain	380		0.7	17.0
100	47	Northamber	85		1.9	36.5
175	152	PCT	152		6.1	14.7
310	225	Pendragon	231		4.5	
238	123	Perry Gp	124		7.1	6.8
218	135	Quicks Group	135		4.9	14.2
166	97	REA	161		4.7	33.3
5¼	2¾	Reece	2¾			
24	2½	Ross Gp	3½		7.7	
45½	32½	SEP Indtr	44	-1½	3.0	
44	31	TLS Range	41	+1	3.0	16.5
265	215	Time Products	237		4.8	15.3
221	151	Vardy (Reg)	178		3.7	13.1
335	240	Wholesale Fitgs	243		6.0	21.7
30½	13½	Wills Gp	#14½		4.3	8.1
74½	39½	Wilshaw	70½	-1	1.2	23.8
66	37½	Wyko▼	66		1.9	23.8
96	61	Young (H)	73	-1	6.2	13.7

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
202	146	Adwest	158		6.0	15.9
380	199½	Antofagasta	360	+10	1.7	21.0
62	43	Armour	43		5.4	8.9
897	773½	Broken Hill	854	+23	2.4	18.2
401	273	BTR	329	+9½	5.1	14.8
570	372	BAT	438	+9	6.5	11.3
270½	120½	Berisford Intl	229	+3	0.3	89.6
91	49	Bibby (J)	81		4.6	15.0
57½	43½	Brierley Inv	44½	-½	9.5	2.5
836	636½	Charter	785	+21	3.7	23.0
279½	185	Cookson▲	200	+8	4.5	19.7
302	217½	Hanson†	238½	+3½	8.3	14.9
220	136	Harrison Crsfld	142		7.9	16.2
385½	200½	Hutch Whamp	260½	+1½	2.1	18.8
710	409½	Jardine Math	533½	-16	2.7	12.3
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	28		4.5	27.8
175½	124½	Lonrho†	137	+1	4.1	25.1
44	16	Porter Chadbn	41			
685½	447	Powell Duffryn	452	+4	6.9	12.7
184	118½	Raine	124		7.8	14.1
489	337	Rothmans	457	+2	5.3	22.2
34½	9½	Salbre	14½			5.5
153½	105	Sime Darby	140	-3	3.2	17.4
287	164	Staveley	165		6.4	50.8
220	148	Suter†	155	-2	7.7	
288	220	TI Group	227		2.4	
383	202	Tomkins†	231	+5	4.2	14.8
124	58½	Trafalgar Ht	58	+½	2.2	
440	245	Unidare	295		6.0	
324	246½	Wassall	252		1.8	21.6
13½	8½	Wideyt	9½		2.6	14.8
414¼	309	Williams Hldg	319	-1	5.4	15.2

ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
894½	564	East Midlands†	604	+4	5.7	25.4
866	535	Eastern Grp†	593	+12	5.2	13.0
785	534	London Elec	607	+5	5.1	9.3
886	621	Manweb	651	+6	5.2	7.8
845½	547	Midlands Elect	624	-3	5.0	9.6
520	404½	National Power	436½	+3½	4.4	12.0
1138	589	Northern Elec	789	+51	5.2	8.1
421	322	Nthn Ireland†	333	+1	4.5	9.0
867	587	Norweb	663	-2	4.6	8.0
682	449	PowerGen	473	+7	4.0	10.2
477	300	Hydro-Elect†	307	+3	5.3	8.7
486	309½	Scottish Power	321	+5	5.0	10.2
490	299	Seeboard	350	+5	4.4	9.5
912	591	Sth Wales	665	+5	5.5	9.0
889	551	Sth Western†	649	+4	4.8	8.6
837	548	Southern Elect	618		4.9	9.0
909	599	Yorkshire Elec	667	+1	5.2	11.4

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
109	63	Acorn Comp	84		1.6	
650	478	Admiral	628		3.1	16.0
209	163	Alba†	206		1.9	
250	126½	Amstrad†	164	+½		
39	24	Arlen	34	+2		
94½	77	Astec	78½	-½	1.4	16.2
261	118	Aztek	120		3.1	9.7
478	287	BICC	333	+4	4.8	17.0
283	235	Bailes Hunter	235		5.3	12.6
16	5½	Berkeley Bus	5½			
535	402	Blick†	456		3.2	15.4
380	288	Bowthorpe	303	-2	2.9	17.4
21½	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	18½		1.7	10.6
283	194	CML Micro	194		3.9	12.4
67	32	Channel Hldgs	33		4.7	9.4
39½	20	Chloride	20½	-½	0.6	56.7
80	60	Clayhithe	61		4.1	
180	81	Copymore	130			
202	139	Cray Electr	140		2.2	16.3
478	412	Critchley	457		2.3	19.7
403	269	Dale Ele Sys	393	+7	0.5	29.8
586	421	Delta	450	+18	4.4	15.8
565	400	Domnick	519	-4	2.3	15.6
78	63	Dowding Mills	65		4.8	24.1
1635	1220	Druck	1500		0.9	25.5
3759½	2300	Electrolux 'B'	2862½	+27½	3.7	
39½	21	Emess	29¼	+½	0.4	
4040½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3618½	+156½	1.3	
86	56	Eurocopy†	64			
451	343	Eurotherm†	410	+1	3.9	12.8
410	334½	Farey Group	397	+8	1.2	21.1
383	180	Forward Gp	268		2.2	
58	14½	Forward Tech	56	-½	2.6	16.5
353½	258	GEC†	287½	+5	4.6	14.2
191	102	Gestetner	111	+1	2.9	
191	119	Grasby	142	+5	6.0	
193	121	Ind Control	135	-2	4.7	11.2
385	254	Kenwood App	254	-5	4.6	12.5
1325	730	Kersnaw (A)†	1300		3.2	9.8
165	38	Kode	51			
56	34	LPA Ind	34		5.9	24.2
320	250	MTL Inst	300		2.0	
281	210	Mennier-Sart	262		2.1	18.4
45	31	Microvitec	33½		1.5	
494	185	Muirl	290	-2		
91	60	Pacer Systems	67		6.1	
98	74½	Peek	75		5.7	18.9
2175	1400	Philips Lmp nv	2159½	+25	2.3	
359	293	Pilcot	295		2.0	18.8
344	275	Pilco 'A' Vtg†	276		2.0	17.6
140	70	Plasmec	118		4.0	
129	90	Pressac	99		3.6	19.0
49¼	17½	Prestwick	24	+1		
303	181	Psion	253	+7	1.4	17.7
261	187	Racal Elect	234	+1	2.4	19.2
53	33	Radamec	46	+1	5.2	12.8
311	202½	Roxboro	223		2.7	
89	13½	Scanitronic	13½	-1		
49	34	Silvermines	41			
94	59	Soundtracks†	55	+1	5.7	12.6
104	38	Stirn Bus	62		7.5	4.1
19	9	TDS Circuits	9½			
3225	2269½	TDK	2803½	-46½	1.2	
447	174½	Tadpole Tech	202	-7		
170	60	Telemetrix	61	+1	3.5	
101	51	TGI	83		3.4	15.5
385	191	Telspec	367	-1	0.9	44.3
246	133	Thorpe FW	226		1.8	16.5
150	117	TLG	144	-2	3.0	20.7
43	32	Total Systems	31		3.2	
303	215	Tunstall	238		2.0	16.0
391	256	Unitech†	379		2.3	19.1
15½	8	Venty	8½			22.8
483	368	Volex	368		6.2	15.4
200	60	Wakebourne	63	-1		
188	93	Wintercroft	164		2.7	18.0

ENGINEERING

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
187	119	AMH†	187		3.0	
136	47½	APV	65		8.5	
216	148½	ASW†	178		4.2	
126	20½	Aero Hamble	33		14.2	3.3
21½	14	Aerospace Engt	16		5.8	
73	27½	Alvast	67½		1.9	
175	134	Ash & Lacy	135½		5.9	14.0
553	490	Atlas Equip	553		5.0	18.4
125	68	Ayrshire Metal	118		1.6	14.4
40½	26	Babcock	27			
176	123	BWI	123		6.8	18.9
88	64	Baynes (Charles)	84		2.6	21.5
85	23	Beaufort	30			
236	110	Bellam (J)	120		5.7	
329	362	Bodycote	314		2.1	21.4
81	43	Booth Inds	73			
20	13½	Braswey	14½			
171	120	Bridon	145	-1	3.4	
578½	396½	Br Aerospace†	490	+5	2.6	20.2
172½	121½	Br Steel	158½	+2	2.8	19.2
125	86½	Bromsgrove Ind†	87		6.5	14.6
18½	9½	Brooks Tool†	12½		1.0	28.4
51	24½	Brunel	43½			
186	135	Bullough†	157		4.8	16.2
80	55	Burnfield	78		4.5	
22	14	CI Group	14		2.7	
293	241	Carclo Eng	245		5.3	14.8
150	110	Castings	152	-1	2.8	18.7
230	150	Chamberlin Hill	150		5.6	9.5
360	272	Chemring	327		3.7	15.4
296½	173	Clyde Blowers	174		3.2	
337	235	Cobham	307		3.2	15.3
688	403	Cohen (A)	508		0.8	
263	166	Concentric	169	+2	4.6	13.3
310	218	Cook (Wm)	218		4.3	10.3
298	197	David Brown	197	-2	4.2	13.9
97	68	Dobson Park	71	+1	6.6	13.2
442	333	BS	333		4.7	13.4
101	69	Elliott (B)	94	+1	2.7	14.1
118	60	Expamet	89			
212	135	FKI	138	-2	3.8	16.0
148	109	Fenner	128		1.5	59.6
45	16	Fenwin	16			
88	73	GEI Int	87		3.6	16.9
134	97	Galton Eng	120		4.8	
404	293	Glynwed	293	-5	5.4	13.9
14½	10	Graystone	12		2.5	10.1
85	59½	Haden MacLn	60		4.5	
158	90	Hadleigh	152		2.1	17.3
320	135	Hall Eng	141	+2	7.3	
256	178	Halma	189	+7	1.7	20.4
73	47	Hamleton	50		5.1	9.3
48	26	Hay (Norman)	26			
184½	122	Hill & Smith	136		6.2	17.3
63	39	Hopkinsons	56	-1	2.9	
41	27	How Gp	28		3.3	
103	74	Howden	75		4.2	12.2
365	157	Hunting	170		7.4	24.3
379	286	IMI	300		4.5	17.6
51	33½	Johnson & FB	37½			
638	488	Johnson Mattn	512			
32	25	Jones Stroud	29		3.0	19.1
335	230	Kelsey Ind	310		5.2	14.5
283	205	Locat	283	-2	3.0	17.6
20½	11	Locker (T) A	12		4.2	
49	29	ML Hdgs†	31	+2	3.4	10.8
67	21	MS Intl	21		8.9	12.7
179	129	Mang Bronze	154		3.2	12.0
530	378	McKechnie	394		4.7	23.2
120	61	Meggitt	79		6.2	12.7
120	101	Mettoy	108		4.3	17.9
133	99	Melsec	131		2.8	18.2
589	487	Molins	480		4.0	9.9
408	293	Morgan Crble	306	+6	5.2	14.9
217	176	Morris Ashby†	198	+2	4.0	14.2
51	33	Neepsend	33		4.7	16.6
128	48	Nedrronics	68		3.1	16.6
60	40	Newman (L)	40			
59½	15	OMI Intl	15½		14.1	88.2
368	277	Oxford Instr	319		2.6	18.8
341	218	Powerscreen	249		3.8	10.5
23½	12½	Prospect Indst	12½	+½	8.5	6.4
108	60	Radiant Metal	73			
71	13	Ransomes	53			
95	70	Record	83	-1	5.6	
391	243½	Rexchmrt	288		2.8	22.9
192	126	Renold	188		2.0	26.2
73	50	Richard (Leics)	50		5.8	35.8
104½	72	Richardson West	72	-1	5.8	15.8
195	148	Rolls-Royce	160	+1	4.0	23.7
195	158	Rotork	166	+4	3.3	18.9
190	134	Robicon	155		3.9	25.3
150½	87	Senior Eng	73		5.8	17.9
270	245	Servomex	266		3.1	28.4
630	466	Siebe†	523	-2	2.7	16.8
130½	74	Simon Eng	81			
82	35	Six Hundred	81		2.3	28.0
1459½	1031½	SKF 'B'	1146¾	+12½	3.2	
527¼	411	Smiths Ind	443		3.7	17.0
485	337	Spirax-Sarco	433	+1	2.9	18.4
267	197	Sterling Ind	233		3.8	15.1
455	328	TI†	345	+4	4.3	15.9
121	82	Tinsley (E)	97		7.2	13.2
105	45	Transfer Tech	58		7.1	8.3
153	125	Triplex Lloyd	128		6.8	
18½	12	Utd Inds	14		8.9	
1548	980	VSEL	1526	+12	2.9	14.3
31½	11½	Verson	12½			
204	162	Vickers	178	-1	3.4	16.9
327	230	Victaulic	241		4.6	
19	9¼	Villiers Grp	9¼			
531	451	Vinten	507	-1	2.0	13.3
805	661	Vosper Thorny	740	-1	3.2	16.0
527	444	Weggon Ind	447		5.1	22.7
354¼	222	Weir	235	+4	3.5	14.8
48½	36	Wellman	38½		3.2	64.5
548	365	Whatman	453		2.9	16.6
264	90	Whessoe	122		2.4	

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
68	31	AAF Inds	36			
160	108	Airflow Stream	157		3.2	15.4
939	440	Avon Rubber	445		4.6	16.0
236	173	BBA†	194		3.1	
86½	49½	BSG	56½	+½	7.1	35.3
18½	8½	Benson Group	8½	-½	6.2	11.5
306	180	Bestrom	298		2.5	17.0
28½	17	Boostead†	22		5.7	
22	10	Cavendish	11½		1.7	11.4
357	275	ERF	355	-1	1.4	
400	286	First Tech	394		1.7	22.7
660	510½	GKN	599	+1	4.6	17.8
4387½	2337½	General Mtr	2650	+12½	1.9	
1239	918½	Honda Motor	988½	-65¼	0.5	
432½	304	Laird	317	+2	4.3	15.3
360	233	Loades	360			
338	198	Lucas	190	+1	4.6	
64	50	Mayflower	58½		3.0	23.8
134	61	Midstates	70			
179	149	Sylone	166		3.8	18.4
261	140	T & N	157	-2	8.8	
333	263	Trinity Hldgs	327		2.5	23.7

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
611	499	AB Food	578	+4	3.5	12.0
368	223	Acatos & Hutch†	244	-1	4.6	9.3
74	40	Albert Fisher	40		11.6	11.8
270	200	Banks (S C)†	200		6.1	9.3
387	305	Barr (AG)†	334	-4	1.5	27.6
72	15	Bensons Crsp	18	+2		
481	374	Booker	385	+1	7.1	14.2
56½	31	Borthwick	35		4.6	16.8
212	158	CPL Aromas	193		1.9	18.4
524	370	Cadbury-Schw	435	+6	4.6	13.5
267	143	Carrs Milling	247		3.1	11.2
170	130	Carswick	169		6.1	12.3
154	90	Dalepak†	114		2.2	
520	372½	Dalgety▲	400	-3	6.9	10.9
87	44	Daniels S	44		0.8	76.1
294	208	Devro	217	+2	3.6	14.6
101	52	Everest	86	+1	4.0	20.9
8½	4½	Fareworld	5½	-½		
85	60	Finlay (James)	65		7.9	9.0
30½	10	Glenall	11½	-1½	5.4	10.5
77	39	Grand Central	49			
435	325	Greencore	420	-3	3.1	11.0
194	102	Hazlewood Fds	105	+1	8.0	6.6
196½	151	Hillsdown	173		6.9	11.3
28	16	Hobson	25½			
111	67	JLI Group	67	-2	9.0	9.4
408	313	[illegible]	[illegible]		6.5	9.6
127	85	Matthews (B)	[illegible]	-1	3.3	12.4
191	155	[illegible]	[illegible]		6.9	8.6
246	225	[illegible]	[illegible]		3.1	15.0
271½	193	Nth Foods†	[illegible]		5.3	16.6
14	9	[illegible]	9	-1		17.4
46	12	Pareto's	[illegible]	-1		
87	60	Perkins Food	64		9.1	
144	112	SeaFoods	112	-2		
98	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	5.4
122	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		12.9	
467½	[illegible]	Tate & Lyle	[illegible]	-7	4.2	[illegible]
244	145	Tesco	[illegible]	-3	2.4	17.2
494½	[illegible]	[illegible]	368	-3	6.6	10.1
1247	988	Unilever	[illegible]		2.9	
8116½	5496½	Unilever NV	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.1	
338	255½	Utd Biscuits	[illegible]		5.8	23.2
49	33	[illegible]	[illegible]		8.2	23.6
153	81	Yorkshire Food	[illegible]		5.4	

HEALTHCARE

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
544	260	AAH†	432		5.2	15.2
1141	770	Amersham	853		2.4	17.5
81	43	[illegible]	47			
297½	195	Assoc Nursg	196		1.5	10.9
353	243	Bespak	333		4.2	15.5
100	50	Care UK	67			
115	60	Celsis	73	+1		
47	34	Corass	35			
297	200	[illegible]	291		5.0	11.5
44	29	[illegible]	31		3.2	
146	90	[illegible]	120		2.0	13.0
110	80	[illegible]	80		4.1	8.3
171	134	[illegible]	145	-1	2.8	13.0
15½	9½	[illegible]	9½		4.5	12.6
513	402	Huntleigh Tec	425		1.3	23.5
165	39	[illegible]	52		8.4	9.4
325	255	Isotron	255		2.4	15.7
171	107	Life Sciences†	131		4.2	
152½	74	Lon Intl	93½	-½		
80	41	Nestor-BNA	41		9.6	10.2
3	¼	Premier Health	¼	-¼		
330	227	Quality Care	235		2.4	11.6
210	116	Scholl	140	-2	5.7	13.4
353	275¼	Seton Health	354	-1	2.4	18.0
83	41	Steels Drug	41			
165½	135½	Smith & Neph	153	-1½	4.4	
21	6	Specsavers	10	+2		
292	185	Takare	193	-2	1.5	
313	234	UniChem	245	+4	3.5	13.2
400	353	West Hlthcare†	335		2.0	16.0

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
312	191	Airsprung	191		3.1	12.3
193	115	BLP Group	125		1.0	34.3
39	26	Boston Brass	29	-2		
167	62	Crowell Plc 'A'	65	-2	8.3	14.5
285	163	Creighton NI	163		5.9	11.5
165	133	Derby Group	143		2.7	15.5
168	113	Gaskell	133		4.0	
14	4	Leedscott	4		6.2	
231	160	Maybeco	165		5.0	
335	245	Ostrme Int	247	-3	5.4	11.2
430	330	Osborne & Little	396		2.4	12.0
625	420	Paterson Zoch	422		4.1	12.2
595	380	Paterson Zoch 'A'	383		4.5	11.1
714½	528	Reckitt Colm	616	+5	3.7	15.6
291	211	Relyon†	277		3.2	
378	158	Silentnight	158	-4	6.3	9.9
46	27½	Stoddard	28½		7.0	10.7
330	165	Tomkinsons	166	-4	7.7	
160	125	Victoria Carpet	125		4.5	7.1
119½	94½	Walker Greenbk	106		4.2	19.5
83	44	Wishord Widgd	53			41.3
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155		2.4	31.2

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1493¼	937½	Aler & Alext	1368¼	-16¾	4.9	
2049½	1587½	Am Gen	1937½	-12½	4.0	
112	77	Angerstein	78		3.2	64.3
86	47	Archer	62		2.0	
165	85	Bradstock	86		8.3	9.7
550	370	Britannic	511	+2	3.2	
117	84	CLM Insce	86	+1	3.0	
701½	473	Com Union	536	+11	6.4	10.1
108	85	Delian	85		2.2	
1950	1360	Dom & Gen	1363	-107	2.7	14.5
221½	145	FBD E	159	-1	4.3	7.4
194	140	Fenchurch Gp	145		6.9	9.7
114	86	Finsbury Under	87	+½	2.8	58.1
757	491	Gen Accident	542	+9	6.9	7.7
347	160½	GRE†	176	+2	5.9	
105	80	HCG Lloyds	83		2.0	69.9
457	211	Heath C E	229	-1	6.7	
245½	177½	Hibernian E	213½	-5¾	4.7	
114	86	Hiscox Select	95	+½	4.0	
323	236½	Independent	275	+1	4.4	
241	178	Insh Life	181		6.5	16.9
209	118	JB Group	123		7.9	
103	100	Kiln Capital	101		6.0	
547	407	Legal & Gen	455	+6	5.6	18.1
1568½	965½	Liberty Life	1543½	+3½	8.3	
119	91	London Ins Mkt	93		2.7	32.4
310	145	Lloyd Thomp	151		6.5	10.0
471	313	Lloyds Abbey†	354		6.9	11.9
233	159	Lombard Inst	233		4.1	22.3
443	282	Londn & Man	326	+3	6.2	16.2
119	91	London Ins Mkt	93		2.7	32.4
236	145	Lowndes Lmb	153		6.3	9.4
5898½	4631½	Marsh McLn	5250	+12½	3.5	
119	79	Masthead	83	+1		
188	147	Nelson Hurst	170		4.1	17.0
106	65	New London Cap	66		1.9	
51	37	Ockham	39		9.5	
129¼	99	Orbit	100		8.2	
99	66	Premium Trust	69	+½	3.7	
124	91	Premium Undwr	92		5.4	
385	271	Prudential	307	+7	5.5	13.2
89	13	PWS†	14		5.4	
404	239	Refuge	329	+2	4.8	
350	232½	Royal Ins†	289	+11	5.2	5.5
222	139	Sedgwick	154	-1	5.3	14.2
155	104	Steel Burrill	113		10.0	
418	281	Sun Alliance†	307	-4	6.4	10.3
107	72	Syndicate Capt	73		2.1	58.2
96	51	Trade Indemnity	74		1.8	
464	302	Transatlantic	379		5.2	
673	432	Utd Friendly	582	+7	3.7	29.9
245	129	Willis Corroon	140	+1	5.9	
29	19	Windsor†	20		3.1	6.7

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
360	280	3i	365	+2	2.6	
109½	62	Abtrust Emerg	94½		0.4	
102	73	Abtrust High Inc	73½		9.5	
230	182	Abtrust N Dawn	195		0.6	
2058	1678	Alliance	1776		3.3	
293	239	American Trst	250½	+5½	2.7	
479	391	Anglo & O'seas	337	+2	2.3	
196	118	Baillie Gifford SN	129	+1		
219	172	Bankers	174		2.8	
75¼	32	Baring Em Eu	35½		0.4	
381	300	Baring Tribune	308		2.7	
248	198	Berry Starq	218		1.3	
81½	64½	Br Assets†	65½		8.3	
86	83	Br Empire Sec	84½	+½	1.4	
46	25	Br Empire Wts	28			
234	188	Br Inv	200		3.1	
105½	83½	Brazilian	85½	+½	0.4	
272	211	Brunner†	211		3.3	
181	117	BZW Conv†	124½	-½	7.8	
384	316	Candover	377	-3	4.2	
65	39	Central Euro Gwth	39	-1	1.4	
271	144	China & Eastern	150		2.9	
223	161	Cont Assets†	163	+1	2.3	
95	76	Dante Inv Inc	76		13.1	
328	268	Derby Cap	290	+12		
173	147	Derby Inc	156		13.5	
100	51	Drayton Blue	51½	+½	20.4	
111	84	Drytn Eng Ind	93		1.1	
156	122	Drytn Far East†	134½		0.8	
784	613	Dunedin Inc G	631	+4	5.4	
108	75	Dunedin Japan	76½			
341	292	Dunedin Smlr	300		3.8	
80	22	Dunedin Wts	27			
827	678	Dunedin Wrld	683	+2	1.7	
122	92½	Edin Dragon	92½	-½		
63½	23½	Edinburgh Inca	26½	+¼	0.3	
368	281	Edinburgh	288	+1½	3.9	
179	130	EFM Japan	137	-1		
354	286	Electra Inv	313	+1	2.9	
220	180	Electric Gen	181½	+1	2.2	
201	169	Eng & Caledon†	174		2.9	
127	106	English Scott	112	+2		
345	273	European Asset	277		2.3	
174	145	Fidity Euro Val	150½	+2½	0.2	
103½	65	Fidity Jap Val	68½		0.2	
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	149		2.5	
86	62	First Spanish	62		0.5	
343	267	Fleming Amer†	278	+4	0.8	
145	51½	Fleming Chinese	60½		1.0	
92	22	Fleming Ch Wts	29			
357	198	Fleming Claver	202	+2	3.5	
385	208½	Fleming Cont	291	+1	0.9	
210½	125	Fleming Em Mkts	131	+1		
264	190	Fleming Enterp	201		3.0	
459	278½	Fleming F East	287½	-1½	0.6	
432	327	Fleming Fledgt	327		1.1	
120	89	Fleming Hi Inct	92		6.1	
169	68	Fleming Indian	72½	+½	1.6	
64	33	Fleming In Wts	41			
52½	20	Fleming Intl	29½		15.1	
284	208	Fleming Japan	220½	-1½		
347	257	Fleming Merc	257		3.4	
64	72½	Fleming Nat Res	72½	-½		
347½	269	Fleming Overst	277	+2	1.9	
165½	124	Foreign & Col	131	+1	1.7	
106	91	For & Col Inc Gwth†	91		2.9	
148	98	Frgn Emg Mkts	95	+1		
77	64½	Frgn Enterprist	70½		1.4	
281	206	Frgn Eurotst	209		0.7	
145	114	Frgn German	122		0.5	
374	277	Frgn Pacific	282½	+½	1.1	
144	118	Frgn PEP	120½		3.6	
192	153	Frgn Smaller	155	+½	1.7	
120	90	Frgn US Smlr	98	+2		
28½	18½	Fulcrum Cap	19	+½		
54	39	Fulcrum Inct	39		27.8	
146	134½	Fulcrum Zero	144½			
213	189	Gartmore Brit	195		4.7	
151	124	Gartmore Euro	136		0.8	
130	84	Gartmore Shdt	84		14.3	
247	201	G'more Smlr Cos	207		3.5	
128	93	Geared Inc Inv	94		11.1	
200	138	Genl Cons Cap	141	+1		
112½	104	Genl Inct	105		11.1	
108	86	German Inv	95½	+½	0.1	
325	192	Gov Asian Sm Co's	201	+6	0.2	
151	88	Gov Emg Mkts	94	+1	0.3	
191	135	Govett Am Smlr	144	+3		
86½	77	Gov Glob Smlr	77			
112	70	Govett High Inct	70		10.0	
429	322	Govett Oriental	328	+1	0.4	
346	223½	Govett Strategic	224	-2	3.6	
475	385	Greenfriar†	385		2.3	
19	6	Gresham House	19			
303	191	GT Japan	202½	-1	0.8	
155	113	H Govett Smllr Co	114		1.2	
138	113	Hend High	115	+1	8.1	
293	257	Hend Strats	258		0.2	
105	80	Herald	80		0.8	
116	80½	HTR Jap Smaller	87	-1	0.6	
27	13	I&S Exl	13			
119	93	I&S UK Smlr	94		3.7	
128	119	Inv Cap	121	+½	5.4	
99	84	Ind Biotech	84			
50	26	Int Wts	26			
177	126	INVESCO Korea	127			
122	82	J Fry 2nd Ut	82	-1	9.0	
100	84	J Fry Euro Ut	84		7.1	
255	177	JF Fledg Jap	187	-2		
121	99	Jupiter Intl Grwt	99		2.2	
243	194	Kleinwort Chrtr	199	+1	3.2	
149	97	Klnwt E Mkt	104	+1		
124	105	Klnwt End	111			
88½	73	Klnwt Euro Pvt	74½	+½	1.3	
49	22½	Klnwt Euro Wts	23½	-½		
116	77	Klnwt H Inct	79	+1	12.7	
272½	213	Klnwt O'seast	223½	+1½	1.9	
165	114	Klnwt Smlr	114	-1	3.4	
201	71	Latin American	81½	+1½		
826	672	Law Debenture	732		3.3	
129	93	Lazard H Inct	96		8.3	
97	77	Lloyds Sm Cap	78			
35	26	Lloyds Sm Div	28		17.5	
129	102	Lloyds Sm Pkg	104		4.5	
174	141	Lon St Lawrence	164		4.8	
108	78½	Lon Smaller Co's	81		4.9	
334	265	Lowland	284		4.1	
1440¼	887½	Lydenburg	1125		2.0	
620	485	M&G 2nd Dual Cap	525	+5		
151	115	M&G 2nd Dual In	117	+1	25.6	
2773	2440	M&G Dual Cap	2550	+12		
353	243	M&G Dual Inc	245			
77	54	M&G Inc Geared†	60		10.4	
34½	26½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cap	26½	+		
45	34	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inct	34		18.4	
137	116	M&G Inc Package†	116		5.4	
59	50	M&G Inc Zero Dv	56	-		
36½	27	M&G Rec Cap	27½			
72½	55½	M&G Rec Geared†	56		8.6	
37½	28	M&G Rec Inct	28½		17.0	
151	127	M&G Rec Pacage†	128		3.8	
80½	68	M&G Rec Zero Div	75			
128	99	M Curie Euro	102		0.4	
180	118	M Curie Pac	126	+1	0.3	
227	182	Majedie	182		3.6	
57	44	Manakin	55			
324	237	Merchants	242		6.0	
90	78½	Mercury Euro Pv	80½	+½	0.9	
45	24½	Mercury Emg Wt	28			
125	81	Mercury World	82		1.0	
52½	17	Mercury Wld Wts	17			
595	482	Monks Inv Tst	491		1.9	
158	125	Morg Gren Inc	128		4.8	
84	38	Morg Wts	41			
111	48	Morg Latn Amer	54½	+1½		
65	20	Morg Wts	25½	+½		
148	104	Murray Ext	110½		2.4	
58	25	Murray Ext Wts	26			
92	73	Murray Emg Eco	76			
42	25	Murray Em Ec Wt	28			
68	54	Murray Euro†	56½		8.6	
23½	13	Murray Eu Wts	13½			
363	308	Murray Income	311	+1	4.9	
395	308	Murray Intt	312	+3	5.0	
164½	153	Murray S/C OP	162½	-½		
174	126	Murray S/C Cap	127	+1		
97	73½	Murray S/C Inct	74		17.9	
3400	2850	Murray S/C Ulst	2825		4.5	
548	376	Murray Small	379	+2	1.4	
363	302½	Murray Vent	328		4.4	
58	15	Newmarket	16			
95	53	Nwthrog Inc	53	-1	18.2	
104	61	Nwthrog Cap	66	+1		
404	316	O'seas Inv Tst	318		1.3	
241	159	O'seas Wts	159			
640½	362	Pacific Assets	434		0.4	
542	268	Pacific Wts	334	-2		
120	76	Perpetual Jap	77½	-1		
9400	7900	Personal Assets	8700	+50	2.8	
153	111	Pilot Inv	111		1.7	
96	80½	Piper Euro Sm	81			
98	87½	Prolific Inc	87½			
189	184	RIT Cap Ptnr	166	+7	1.1	
38	28½	River Merc Am Cap	28			
121	100	River Merc Am Inc	100		9.6	
17	9	River Merc Am Wts	9	-½		
150	114	River Merc Cap	114			
147	77½	River Merc Ex Inc	78		12.5	
49	9	River Merc Ex Inc Wt	9			
116	80	River Merc Grd Inct	81		11.6	
35	23	River Merc Grd Pd	28			
127	106	River Merc Tst Inct	107		10.7	
170	112	River Merc Sm Cot	112		4.6	
77	20	River Merc Sm Wt	20			
449	394	Robeco	404		3.5	
483	398	Rolinco	407		1.8	
98	67	Schrod Jap Gwth	72½			
32	25	Schrod Jap Gwth Wt	30	-½		
1112½	731¼	Schrod Korea Fd	755¼	+7¾	0.2	
650½	350½	Sch Korea Fd Wt	362½	+½		
113½	103	Sch Spl Zero Div	112	-½		
37	27	Sch Split Fd Cap	27½			
139	107½	Sch Split Fd Inct	108		8.7	
99	85	Schrod UK Gwth	88	-1	2.1	
42	28	Schrod UK Gwth Wt	29			
262½	200	Scot	208½	+1	3.1	
183	147½	Scot Amercant	151	+1½	4.1	
368	216	Scot Asian	241	+2		
1070	555	Scot Wts	565	+5		
97½	74½	Scot Eastern	78	+½	2.6	
284½	205	Scot Mtge	211	+1	2.5	
108½	78½	Scot Natl Tst†	79		11.9	
133½	100½	Scot Value	101½		2.5	
1795	1475	Second Alliance†	1583	+10	3.4	
106	76	Secs Tst of Scot	78	+1	3.2	
178	125	Selective Asset†	125		1.6	
161	123	SHIRESCOT†	124		5.7	
51½	31½	Sphere Inv	31½		18.2	
343	280	St Andrew Inv†	280		3.5	
412	310	Temple Bar†	326	+2	5.3	
135	90	Thmin Asian E	97		0.8	
35	16½	Throg Dual Cpt	34			
101	68	Throgmorton†	68½	+½	4.2	
164½	96	Tpleon Emg Mkt	106	-1	0.8	
177½	133½	TR City Of Lon	140½	+½	4.7	
181½	148	TR Euro Growth	169		1.3	
205	127	TR Far East†	138	+1	5.2	
124½	80	TR Pacific†	89	+1	0.2	
43½	27½	TR Property	30½		3.7	
228	171½	TR Smlr Cost	171½		2.8	
152	100	TR Tech Inv	102	+1	2.1	
405	177	Tuskar Trust	190	+2	1.3	
289	217	USDC Invest†	217		2.6	
183	93	Undervalued Ast	99			
139	108	Value Inc Tst	108		4.9	
43	31	Warrants & Val	31			
109	81	Wigmore	81		1.0	
257½	205	Witan†	218	+2	3.5	
113	87	Yeoman Inct	87	-2	19.7	

LEISURE & HOTELS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
40	26	Abtm Sk H	28			
578½	409	Airtours	411	+1	3.6	9.8
48½	17	Ald Leis	22			
177	135	Alpha Airpts	138		3.7	
48	36	Arcadian	41			
138	85	Baldwin†	115	+2	4.3	8.5
315	219	Barr & Wall	219		8.5	
260	135½	Bluebird Toys	238	-2	4.5	6.6
395	231	Boosey Hwks	335		1.9	19.8
7¼	2¼	Brent Walker	2½			
200	100	Bristol Scots	175		2.1	
7¼	¼	Buckingham Int	¼			
256	114	Chrysalis	253			
94	71	City Centre Rest	72		3.1	14.6
374	305	Compass Gp†	319	+3	2.6	16.6
290	232	Eurocamp†	253	+3	5.2	11.3
213	78	Euro Disney	156	+5		
4	2	Euro Leisure	2¼			14.4
455	398	Fairline Boats†	414		4.7	18.1
131	81	First Choice†	107		4.5	28.0
350	245	First Leisure†	278	+3	3.1	17.7
285	209½	Forte	238	+2	4.0	27.9
207	160	Friendly Hotels	163		4.4	27.3
79	49	GR Hldgs	55		2.5	
586	475	Granada†	513	+8	2.4	15.3
118	95	Groupe Chez Ger	108			14.9
96	26	Hi-Tec Sports	26	-1	13.4	3.8
216	96	Hornby	96	-3	11.7	8.4
187½	142½	Jarvis Hotel	179½	-½	2.8	18.1
18½	11½	Kunick	17½		3.5	19.8
289	200	London Clubs	265		5.6	13.5
217½	145	Ladbroke	171	+2	4.5	
104	47	Magnolia	48		0.3	
140½	107½	Man Utd	124		4.2	2.0
109½	64½	Mandarin Orntl	78½	+1	4.1	20.2
15	10½	My Kinda Town†	11½		1.1	
81	34	Norhern	74	+1	5.1	12.3
102	65½	Pelican Gp	75		2.1	15.6
141	109	PizzaExpress†	127		2.1	15.7
183	90	Prism Leisure	90		5.8	6.4
43	21	Quadrant Grp	30			
278	205	Ransdens (H)†	222	-2	2.5	
447½	355½	Rank Orgt	380	+7	4.4	18.7
31½	18½	Ryan Hotels IE	28		4.6	16.0
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	923	-2	0.5	
81	60½	Stakis†	80		2.4	18.8
386	290½	Stanley Leisure	375	-1	1.8	20.6
346	280	Tenjong	345		0.8	19.4
1165	959	Thorn EMI	1025	+9	4.2	18.6
169	75	Tottenham Hot	168	-1	0.7	17.4
176	129	VCI	175		1.5	15.8
149	112	Vardon†	138	+1	1.3	
18	5	Wembley	8			
149	107	Zetters Gp	113	-2	10.5	8.8

MEDIA

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
365	270	Abbott Mead	337		2.2	30.5
355	198	Adscent†	295		3.0	18.5
33	17½	Aegis Gp	23	+½		
11½	2½	Allied Radio	2¾			
26	13	BBB Design	13			35.9
235	155	Barbour Index†	180		5.7	17.0
13½	5	Birkdale	5½			
345	320	Black (A&C)	320		5.3	11.6
402	178	Beebars Gp	183	-4	7.1	6.8
206	133	Border TV	187		2.7	17.2
413	353	Bristol	353		4.4	35.9
279	244	B Sky B	257			48.4
169	117½	CIA Gp	140	+3	1.7	
29½	22½	Caledonian Med	23			
439	325½	Capital Radio	360		2.5	22.4
1047	787	Carlton Comms†	890	+15	2.9	16.3
99	76	City of Lon	86		6.4	13.1
1658	1100	Daily Mail	1380½		1.5	23.6
1484½	869½	Daily Mail 'A'	1043½	+3½	2.0	17.7
329	280	Dorling Kind	286		1.4	31.7
469	355	EMAP	406	+1	2.7	22.4
669½	538	Elsevier	667½	+15½	3.5	18.1
1975	1450	Euromoney Pb	1545	-6	3.4	22.3
17½	8	Fitch	10½			
465	308	Flextech	357	-2		
1033	675	GWR Gp†	875		1.9	
275	143	Gold Greenlees†	168		3.0	20.3
34	18	Goodhead	20		0.5	
356	228	Grampian	264		3.8	14.1
172	106	HTV Group†	152		1.9	
194	21	Harrington K	26	+1	4.8	
515	288	Haynes Publ†	308		3.7	17.2
408	396	Hodder H'line	815		2.1	51.3
180	120	Home Counts	153		4.1	37.5
340	250	Independent	260	-3	4.1	
238	151	Intl Bus Comms	229		1.9	11.1
152	119	Interscope	135		7.2	34.2
167½	137½	Johnston Press	141		1.7	19.7
39½	15	Lopex	15		2.1	17.0
110	43	MAID	77			
585	338	Metal Bulletin	545	-1	2.8	24.8
177½	108	Midland Ind	115		3.7	
203	120	Minor Gp	129½	+½	1.0	6.8
431	344	Mers O'Ferrall	358	-1	4.7	
343	231	News Corp	280		0.5	18.1
314	201	News Int†	274	+3	1.1	5.4
60	23½	Osprey Comms	30			
735	539	Pearson	562	+16	3.0	19.3
440	177	Phonelink	177			
768	600	Portsmth Sund	601		2.3	12.4
339	214	Quarto	214		3.8	
964	712	Reed Intl	719	+5	3.4	21.8
538½	404	Reuters	452	+6	2.2	20.5
178	83	Saatchi	87½	+1½		14.8
256	168	Scott Radio	239		2.8	19.0
574	355	Scot TV	406	+1	4.5	
40½	20½	SelecTV	29	-½		
57	20½	Shandwick†	33½		4.9	7.7
252	187	Southnews	222		1.9	22.3
200	30	Sterling Publ†	30	-1	15.2	2.8
133	117	Sunset & Vine	125		4.0	10.9
40½	25½	Taylor Nelson	34½		2.2	20.8
622	310	Telegraph	428		3.9	17.8
865	695	Thomson Corp†	795	+20	4.7	39.7
472	337	Trinity Intl	340		3.7	15.7
760	518	Ulster TV	645		3.1	19.8
731	464	Utd Newspaprs	505	+4	5.6	12.2
161	91	VTR	95		5.3	10.2
36½	8½	WMBD	9½		13.9	4.4
129	83½	WPP	107½		1.3	13.5
426	150	Yorkshire TV	393	+27	1.2	

MINING

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
115	65	Alex Cons†	85		4.0	7.4
4625	1762½	Ang Am Coal	3789½		2.4	20.5
3799½	2509½	Ang Am	3368¼	+71½	2.1	31.6
7531¼	4593½	Ang Am Gold	5809½	+12½	4.5	16.7
36	22	Anglo Pac Res	23			
1512½	1199½	Ashanti	1368½	+9½	1.1	16.4
166	94	Ashton	100	+3	5.2	
404	155	Bakyrchik	165			
481	294½	Beralt†	368	+½	5.2	19.3
39	29	Blackli	28		2.9	25.0
184	89½	Blyvoors	107	+½		
84	27	Bougainville	31			
37	12½	Bracken	13½		8.9	
868	353½	Buffels	458½	+1	11.6	
6	1¼	Bulle	2			
958	745½	CRA	819	+22	3.4	19.4
77	42	Central Pacific	51			
59½	35	Cluff Res	44½			
143	29½	Coal Inv	79			
300	65	Cons Murchison	178		3.4	4.8
1750	1262½	De Beers	1481¼	+37½	3.5	18.1
148	58	Deelkraal	69½	+½	5.0	8.2
101½	30½	Doornfontein	38½			
1038½	665½	Driefontein	687½	+2	5.0	12.4
341½	227½	Durban	268½	+1¼		
203½	107	E Rand Gold	155½	+¼	12.8	5.2
122½	59½	E Rand Prop	74½	+½		
75	45	Eastern Trans	62		3.6	15.3
513	300½	Elandsrand†	315	+4	3.8	9.3
447½	329	Eng China Cl	359	+6	5.7	17.3
1239	712½	FS Cons	807	+1½	7.0	10.2
82	27	FS Dev	38		3.2	
2081½	1183½	GFSA	1600		3.1	18.0
80½	40	GM Kalgoorli	48	+2	2.9	18.0
298½	109½	Gencor	214½	+3½	1.6	21.4
152	75	Gold Fields Prop▼	144		7.2	
48	12½	Greenwich R 'A'	13½			
202	105½	Grootvlei	141½	+½	6.1	8.2
95¼	67	Gwalia Cons	82½	+1	1.1	10.1
680½	319½	Harmony	540½	+1½		
430	213	Hartles	252	+½	10.3	8.1
1593½	831½	Impala Plat†	1378½	+18½	1.8	42.2
239	94	Kilidon	92		13.1	8.3
1315½	731½	Kinross†	771½	+3½	8.5	7.8
1094½	568½	Kloof	807	+1½	4.4	7.5
137	69½	Leslie†	97½	+½	10.7	5.9
368½	176½	Loraine	207½	+½		
30	12	Maokathana	15			
3	2½	Mfangano	3			
182	86	MIM	89	+3	2.6	
1762½	1250	Minorco	1375		2.6	
324	143	Monarch	143			
202½	88	MSM	98			9.2
201½	133	Nth Brkn Hill	145	+4	3.6	21.6
94	45	Orya Gold	50			
101	65	Pancontinental	83			
463	166	Pateng Tin	168	-5	0.8	
189	122½	Placer Pac	132	+4		
425	317	RJB†	324	+4	4.8	
905	721	RTZ	764	+15½	3.9	14.3
40	28	Rackwood	28			
675	187½	Rand Mines	600	+25	1.8	54.9
840½	411½	Randfontein	458½	+1	10.4	6.0
295	175	Realcon	190			
1809½	1078½	Rustenbg†	1431½	+49½	2.0	35.8
112	49	St Barbara	52		2.7	13.2
756	436	St Helena†	539½	+1½	11.1	
280	195	Sons Gwalia	228		5.1	15.8
35	16	Steam Pacific	22			
2697½	1409½	Southvaal†	1640½	+9½	4.8	20.9
143	73	Stilfontein†	107	+½	21.9	3.3
261½	90	Unisel†	139½	+¼	6.5	6.7
7600	3868½	Vaal Reefs†	4449¼	+9½	4.9	7.3
33	7½	Wankie Col Z	11		11.3	2.8
1¼	½	Weber Hall	1¼	+		
545	450	Wafta Blake	475		3.3	17.9
3575	1831½	Western Deept	2037½	+9½	4.3	7.4
388	300½	Western Mng	328	+9	1.7	34.4
1225	562½	Winkelst	585½		8.1	8.2
68	34	Zambia Copper	34			
68	43	Zandpan	43		10.0	10.0

OIL & GAS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
46½	24½	Aran Energy	46	+½		27.9
83	26	Arcon Intl	26			
74½	45	Asc Oil & Gas	49½	+1		
68	43	Aviva Pet	49	-1		
253	197	Br Borneo	253		3.5	11.9
350	253	British Gas	287¼	+4½	6.5	15.9
437½	340	Br Petroleum†	405¼	+3½	3.2	14.4
4	1¼	Bula Resources	2½			
919	783	Burmah Castrl	851	+3	4.0	15.9
88	56	Cairn Energy	81			44.6
375	253	Calor Gp	255	-2	6.1	12.3
51	33	Clyde Pet	37		1.2	
30	7½	Copex Res	7½	-½		
2½	1½	Dragon Oil	1½			
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gs	20			21.6
486	370	Enterprise	383	+5	5.4	34.6
27	8	Fairhaven Intl	8		15.2	3.3
303	240	Flogas	240		6.7	9.9
8½	4½	Fortune	5½			35.1
77	54	Goal Pet	64	-1	2.8	21.3
47	31	Gt Western Res	38	-1		
177	129	Hardy O & G	153	-1	0.8	19.6
55	40	Kali Energy	53		3.1	21.3
169	110½	Lasmo†	152	-3	0.8	
73	38	Lasmo Units	40		24.5	
75	55	Monument	60			64.1
7½	3½	New London	5¼			
2584½	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2278½	+9½	1.9	
3½	3½	Oceanics	4½			
50	36	Oil Search	42			
50½	17½	Petrez	32	-1½		
194	140	Pict Pet	184			
32½	21	Premier	23½			12.8
158	43	Presidio	43		15.5	
111	68	Plateau	69			
345	129	Ramco Egy	253		0.2	
463	325	Ranger	380	+2	5.3	
7700	6681½	Royal Dutch Fl	7226½	+12½	4.8	
4084½	3221½	Schlumberger	3668½	+46½	2.1	
88	39	Scott Pickford	40		2.8	7.7
91	50	Seafield	90			
758	651	Shell	724	+8	4.8	
187	116	Sunflee Eng Sv	#116			
4237½	3234½	Total	3281½		2.9	15.8
19	8½	Villiers Gp	9½			
245	178½	Woodside	233	+6	1.5	
110	28	XCL	51			

OTHER FINANCIAL

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
165	75	BWD†	77		6.8	7.4
132	88	Baltic Pict	128		2.9	
165	55	Berry Bch Ntl	55		11.6	8.3
215	148	Bestec Inv	152	+2		
154	108	Brown Dolphin†	128	+4	4.9	9.8
757	620	Caledonia	630		3.3	17.2
2850	1800	Cadelid	2300		1.7	6.1
22½	17	Conlicle	17	-½	9.7	
630½	418	Cater Allen	448	+15	7.9	9.2
174½	125	Cattles	159	+2	4.1	17.6
85	36	Clesalle	36			57.5
16	12	EFG	14½		0.9	9.5
72	45½	EFT Group	72	+2	3.0	15.2
740	513	EFM	736	+6	4.1	22.1
212	158	Exco	174		4.4	
229	157	Gartmore	163	-1½	4.3	13.4
515	385	Gerrard Nat	404	+6	7.4	11.7
465	253	Govett†	264	-2	6.9	4.4
1208	846	Henderson Ad	980	+2	5.7	13.6
251½	151	Invesco	164		2.9	28.9
50	37	Investment Co	46		4.8	14.7
250	185	Ivory Sime	204	+2	4.6	15.9
317	193½	Jardine Strat	240½	+5	3.4	9.7
428	95	Johnson Fry	118		1.6	3.7
176	86	King Shaxson	97	+1	12.9	8.8
245	131	Lon Forfaiting†	135		8.6	
124	95	Lon Scot Bk†	115		4.4	15.2
1243	794	M & G	973	+8	3.9	17.0
323	218	MAI	246	+11	4.0	12.4
117½	95½	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	95½	+2½		
807	538	MAM	731	+3	3.9	17.1
252½	85	Nat Home Loan	109½			10.0
1268	970	Perpetual	1228	+7	3.6	13.3
573	415	Provident†	541	-4	4.7	13.3
365	245	Rathbone Bros	281		3.8	13.9
29	21½	Rolland Tst	29½		4.4	12.9
369	281½	S & U	315	+4	4.3	10.3
425	139	Sharelink	139	-2	8.1	5.2
188	105	SJP Capital	108	+2	3.4	7.7
499	324	Smith New Crt	477	-1	2.6	5.5
224	73	Towry Law†	73		7.9	17.4
85	23	Trio Hldgs	24		0.5	38.4
189	70	Unicorn†	73	+1	5.1	
31	20	Wiglan Seleon	22		1.4	

PHARMACEUTICALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
615	317½	Brit Biotech	485	-3		
486	163	Cantab Pharms	185			
271	191	Celltech	251	+1		
151	88	Chiroscience	114	+2		
47	34	Cortecs	36			
157	103	Fisons	150	+1	3.6	
725	520	Glaxo†	697	+6	6.0	16.8
185	95½	Grampian Hdg	116½		5.9	21.5
186	120	Medeva	196	+15	2.1	
3	¼	Premier Health	¼	-¼		
330	227	Quality Care	235		2.4	11.6
355	242	Scotia	348	-7		
83	41	Shield Diag	41			
922	357½	SmithKline†	516½	+1½	3.1	
500	322	Smithkline Ut	492	-1	3.3	
1052	498	Wellcome	1052	+8	2.7	22.8
934	672	Zeneca†	865	+13	4.2	19.3

PRINTING & PAPER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
184	120	AG Holdings	120		5.7	11.3
444	335	API	414		2.7	19.7
315	219	Arjo Wiggins	238		3.9	13.0
205	145	Aspen Comms	184		3.8	18.6
472	347	Bemrose	358		4.2	12.8
524	387	Bowater	413½	+12½	3.9	15.5
2112½	1378½	Bowater Inct	1968½	+28½		
287	242	Bowles	279		1.8	17.0
520	435	Br Polythene	520		3.4	
176	22	Br Thornton	25	-1	10.8	2.2
180½	112	Brinton Grp	138	-2	2.3	
188	139	Bund	170½	+6	3.0	20.0
198	139	Capital Inds	149		4.0	11.0
2446½	1890½	Carnaud Mtl	2131¼	+34½	2.4	15.7
439	254	Cropper (James)	254		1.7	13.4
1054	825	De La Rue	869		2.9	16.3
114	56	Delyn Group	58		3.5	10.5
137	96	Dolphin Pack	96		5.9	12.3
101	75	Fairway Group†	81		5.6	13.2
430	295	Ferguson Intl	318		5.0	12.8
145	103	Ferry Pick	110	+7	8.9	
30	7½	Hardgold	9½			
230	138	Inveresk	152		4.7	
295	248	Jarvis Porter	283	-3	2.4	18.4
438	364	Low & Bonar	425	+1	3.4	13.9
69	44½	MY Holdings	50		4.0	11.9
271	223	Macfarlane	229		2.2	18.4
180	150	Photobition	153		4.9	11.1
250	148	Plysu	186		4.7	30.3
1089	513	Portals	1040		2.0	28.2
412	314	St Ives Gp	325	-1	2.5	17.6
1185½	484½	Sappi	1173	-5½	0.4	
30½	5	Sarill	8			
351½	143	Sidlaw	150		9.2	
573	398	Smith David	535	+2	2.9	16.2
420½	274½	Smurfit (Jeff)	367	-1	1.5	52.4
119	82	Sonoc	94		8.7	10.0
40	33	Unk Group▲	39			
270	182	Wace	220	+2	2.3	14.0
291	187	Waddington (J)	198	+2	5.5	9.8
511	350	Watmough	356	-2		
149	98	Wyndeham	137		2.6	17.5

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
130	75	Allied Lon	78		6.4	9.8
276	253	Argent	257	-1		
80	63	Artesian Ests	71			
144	103	Asda Ests	105		2.7	18.6
382½	213	Bilton	213	-5	5.7	15.5
283	195	Birley	195		4.4	16.9
39½	7	Bolton Gp	8			
108	58	Bourne End	58	-1	1.6	
276	170	Bradford	184		4.4	16.3
137	103	Brightcourt	114		4.0	
474	343	Br Land	365		2.7	34.7
276	168	Brixton	178	-1	5.7	15.8
118	81	Burford	98		2.3	25.4
112	96	CLS Hldgs	98		8.2	
207½	125½	Cap & Regnl	133	+1	1.5	30.1
229	187	Cap Shop Cent	195		4.5	
325	168	Cardiff Propt	168		1.9	27.9
26½	20½	Caray Ind	20½	-½		
195	143	Chelsfield	145		2.1	49.2
678	413	Chesterfield	452		3.4	
112	36	Clarendon	46			
64	35	City Site Est	36			
12¼	5½	Cole	6			
82½	60	Compco	71			
56	20	Conrad Ritbt CST	21½		3.8	
1755	1180	Daejan	1185		3.1	12.2
15½	3	Dares Estates	4			
17	4	De Morgan	#5½			
156	68	Delancey Tech	71		6.2	11.3
189	157	Dencora	157	-1	2.6	44.1
347½	226	Derwent Hldgs	226	-7	2.6	20.2
41	16½	Development Sec	16½	-½	0.8	
51	41	Dwyer	42		2.2	19.9
53	25	Eleco	31	-1		
463	275	Estates Agency	339		4.7	
47	18	Estates Gen	18			
132	95	Evans Of Leeds	95	-1	3.4	15.8
43½	21½	Ex-Lands	27½		2.3	33.8
80	64	Fiscal Prop	68		1.1	
37	23½	Five Oaks	24½		2.6	10.3
78	19	Fletcher King	20		9.4	9.9
51	38	Folkes Group	43		4.4	
51	38	Folkes Group nv	38		4.9	21.6
536	405	Frogmore	435		4.9	15.7
325	228	Grainger	248		3.0	13.7
280	167½	Gt Portland	169		6.1	28.9
226½	117½	Greycoat	120		0.6	
94	22	Hambro Colyw	27		0.2	
435	298	Hammerson	316	-1	4.0	31.7
399	298	Helical Bar	301		2.5	10.8
49½	24	Hemingway	34		2.1	41.2
78	10	Herring Baker	15		8.3	
75	31	High-Point†	48		2.6	
289	109	HK Land	121½	+½	5.4	15.5
311½	136½	Jermyn	158			78.1
792	543	Land Sec	594		5.1	17.0
387	322	London Indl	322		3.9	17.7
43½	33½	Lon & Assoc	33½	-½	2.4	22.6
16	6	Lon & Metro	7			0.2
122	86	Lon Merch Sec	92		5.7	15.3
582	353	MEPC	388	-2	6.5	22.6
13½	5½	McInerney A	6			
190	133	McKay Secs†	134		4.9	12.8
85	48	Merivale Mret	60		4.7	7.2
55	27	Moorfield Est	29		4.3	
1425	900	Mountview	975		2.9	7.5
196	136	Mucklow (A&J)	136		8.0	17.4
2¾	¾	ORB	¾			1.0
64	24	Olives Prop	24			9.9
191	131	PSIT†	131		4.8	17.5
398	218	Peel†	237		2.6	32.1
162	138	Pillar Prop	157	+1	2.9	
12½	1¼	Power Corp	1½			
9¼	4½	Premier Land	5			17.5
81	56	RPS Group	81		4.6	
53	28	Raglan	30			7.3
40	18½	Regalian	19½	-½		4.8
180	120	Rowlinson Secs	120		1.9	8.6
134	97	Rugby Est	98		2.8	3.8
64	40	St Modwen Prpt	46		4.3	8.3
78	59	Savills Grdu (J)†	60		5.8	14.2
100	43	Savills	44		6.4	7.1
108	64	Scot Met	68		3.5	8.3
135	86	Shaftesbury	90		1.4	19.7
307	207½	Slough Estates	228	-1	4.4	48.8
103	41	Southern Prop	45	+1	6.8	
133	100	Specty Shops	108		2.8	
50	2½	Stanhope Pms	3¼			
44	34	TBI	40	+1		1.8
244	163	Tops Estst	165		1.7	42.0
130½	92½	Town Centre	97		3.9	18.0
107	78	Trafford Park	81		4.9	13.7
29½	15	Treaciorwood	18			7.1
68	28	UK Land	40			
317	192	Warnert	197		7.2	19.2
280	218	Warnfordt	230		4.2	19.8
103½	62	Waes	65			
45	25	Whitney Mck	25			
105	43	Wood John D	44		5.7	9.5
30	15	YRM	15	-1		

RETAILERS, FOOD

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
71¼	50½	ASDA Group†	71¼	+1½	3.2	16.4
315	222½	Argyll	282	+3	5.2	12.0
505	413	Brake Bros	483		1.8	17.4
43	23	Budgens†	37	+½	8.4	22.5
17	11½	Callers	12	+½		
137	69½	Dairy Farm Intl	80½	-¼	4.5	11.1
394	344	Farmfoods	347		2.5	17.9
60	37	Fitzwilton	38		11.9	
110	87	Fyffes†	104		1.8	
371	160	Geest	163		6.2	
1120	653	Greggs	1118		2.6	
211	133	Iceland Group	153	+3	3.2	9.5
656	519	Kwik Save	528	+6	4.6	9.5
18	9	Merchant Retail	11	-½		
149	99	Morrison (W)	139		0.9	16.2
232	126	Nurdin Peack	180		5.2	8.9
146	69½	Park Foods†	112		2.9	10.0
5¼	1½	Regina Hlth	1¾			
480	342	Sainsbury J	420	+6	3.2	14.8
258½	200½	Tesco	257½	+3	3.9	12.9
198	142	Thorntons†	153	-2	4.0	12.5
422	279	Watson & Philip	359	-5	5.3	13.5

RETAILERS, GENERAL

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
88	22	Alexon	22			
248	198	Alders	207		4.0	11.7
410	307	Argos Plc	356½	+1½	2.9	18.7
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	71		0.2	
357	84	Aspray	84	-5	9.0	6.9
246	178	Austin Reed	212½		3.2	10.7
168	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	125		6.2	16.2
150	110	Bentalls	115		2.2	39.8
165	36	Bellmore	39		8.0	4.2
48	29	Blacks Leis	31		9.1	
254	187	Body Shop	182	-1	1.5	18.0
601	458½	Boots	497½	+6	3.9	15.9
12½	1½	Brown & Jackson	1½			
263	205	Brown (N)	224	-4	2.4	19.8
74½	51	Burton	71	+1	3.5	35.0
151	103	Carlos	103	-7	4.9	14.7
304	230	Carpetright	253		3.9	18.7
246	137	Christies Intl	138		1.9	
480	368	Church	478		3.4	24.3
171	76	Clinton Cards	76	-2	7.7	11.0
170	81	C'try Casuals	97		5.5	27.8
903	720	Courts Furnish†	790	-5	0.9	40.2
210	155	Crown Eye	180	+10	6.4	8.1
353	238	DFS Furniture	246		3.7	18.5
287	170	Dixons Grp	207½	-½	4.0	12.0
580	530	Elys (Wimbldn)	580		3.8	27.2
11½	7½	ERA Gp	9			
284	104	Essex Furnt	105		5.5	11.7
326	170	Etam	207	+2	4.6	11.5
558	320	Fine Art Dev	333	+1	5.4	10.3
69	46	Fired Earth	49			
106	71	Flying Flowers†	95		2.5	12.4
280	124	French Conn	280			11.8
264	205	Frost Group	233		2.9	23.5
86	49	Gieves	50		3.8	17.9
136	85	Goldsmiths Gp	116		2.0	20.8
653	493	GUS†	532	+1	3.2	15.3
196	164	Hamleys	184		3.2	17.7
48	21	Hampden Grp	45	+2	3.4	
227	142	Hse of Fraser	153	+7	4.1	12.8
95	68½	Hughes (TJ)	80		4.0	13.1
255	228	JJB Sports	247		3.0	15.1
778	379	Kingfisher	440	+5	4.4	18.6
276	95	Kleeneze†	95	-5	2.0	27.0
435	240	Liberty	240	-3	2.5	
390	299	Lloyds Chem	218	-1	5.8	7.0
184	108	MFI	112½	+½	4.6	14.1
460½	368½	Marks Spencer	381	+8½	3.1	16.9
890	495	Menzies (John)†	510		3.0	12.1
377	236	Moss Bros	347		3.1	13.7
275	214	Next	263	+2	3.2	18.1
59	20	OEM	31			
97	39	Oliver (G)	39		1.4	
173	73	Partridge Fine	86		4.8	9.6
37	4½	Pentos	#4½			
258	130	QS Hldgs	130		5.0	14.2
82	7½	Rhine Grp	8			
209	114	Rosebys	115	+1	5.4	
132	96	Sears	98½		4.7	16.7
46	15½	Signet Group	17½	+1½		5.9
549	404	Smith WH†	419	+5	4.7	21.5
1260	839	Sotheby's†	860		3.8	32.8
292	188	Storehouse	214	+1	3.3	17.6
206	151½	Stylo	169		2.0	11.4
198	146	T & S Stores	149	-5	5.2	10.6
173	99	Tie Rack	98		2.2	11.8
69½	3½	Upton & South	3½			
539	384	Vendome	449	+11	2.2	34.5
70	26	WEW Group	26	-1	3.4	22.0
93½	52	Wkd of Leather	58		1.6	
195	138	Wyevale	160		3.8	

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
683	491	Allied Domecq	505	+10	5.6	13.6
459	358	Bulmer (HP)	393		3.5	21.6
149	105	Burn Stewart	110	-2	5.7	24.2
506	352	Grand Metz	378½	+7½	4.6	17.1
542	404	Guinness	423	+8	3.9	13.9
457	353	Highland Dstl	368		2.3	17.7
222	127	Macallan-Glen	204		0.7	53.5
710	365	Macdn Mtin 'A'	640		1.9	27.5
614	515	Matthew Clark†	547		4.3	25.1
250	61	Merydwn W	63		3.8	
180	129	Taunton Cider	134	+1	6.3	10.4

SUPPORT SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
187	73	ACT Group	108½	+5	6.2	11.2
743	583	ADT	693	+5		
46	34	Alphameric	35			26.7
140	43	Auto Sec	59			7.7
162	88	BET Ord	108	+3	4.0	15.4
195	115	BNB Res	155		4.1	18.1
255	175	BPP	239	+1	5.2	
186	130	BSM	153		5.4	
3¼	¼	Black & Edg	3			
1100	500	Borland	687½	+25		
228	105	Brit Data Mgt	119	+3	5.7	8.4
79	57	Brooks Service	64		3.4	
117½	75	CRT Gp†	84		5.0	20.6
238	150	Capita Group†	162		2.7	
423	277½	Chubb Sec	310		2.6	18.1
243	105	Compir People	225		1.4	51.5
73	41	Corp Services	68	+1	3.7	
97	48	Coutts Cnslg	54		3.5	
278	209	Davis Service	209	-1	4.9	14.0
83	66	Dudley Jenkins†	71		5.9	13.5
154	77	EW Fact	77		8.0	5.8
199½	135	El Data Prct	138		1.8	13.5
334	261	Hays	282	+1	2.9	18.7
289	147	Hogg Robinson	149		6.1	9.6
39	18	Holmes Protectn	26			1.6
15	8	Inl Cm & Data	10½	-½		5.2
2899½	1559½	ISS B Dkr	1959½	+3½	1.2	8.4
168	128	JBA Hldgs	184		1.6	16.7
414	227	Johnson Clean	253	+4	5.3	10.2
145	91	Kalamazoo	91		4.7	10.3
298	221	Kewill Sys	268		3.5	9.8
35	17	Laser-Scan	19			
143½	88	LBMS	112			
8	4	Lep	4			
326	266	Lopex	323	+1	2.1	17.3
264	65½	MDIS†	83	+1	6.4	
208	143	MMT Comp	187	+1	3.5	14.8
216	97	MR Data Mgt	109	+1	8.3	13.5
723	398	Macro 4†	400		6.4	11.3
2078½	1158½	Manpower	2078½	+262½	0.2	
1320	688	Micro Focus	700			
178	101	Microgen	122		8.4	
548½	305	Misys	351	+16	3.0	11.0
207	141½	MITIE Grp	205		1.5	20.8
35	22	Nerco Group	27		0.8	10.4
82	18	OIS Intl	18		13.2	3.4
31	18	Orbis	21			
85	60	P & P	81	+½	4.1	9.7
124	65	Michael Page	115		2.5	28.2
143	90	Parity	115		1.9	
235	140	Pegasus	140		4.6	
115	82	Pence	95		5.3	
89½	60½	Prosotket	85		6.7	11.1
415	265	RCO†	265		7.5	9.6
48	27	Radius	36	-1	3.7	12.3
183	73	Real Time	157	-1	3.2	11.9
177	104	Reed Executive	133		8.9	
163	105	Reliance Sec	146		4.3	22.2
279	199½	Rentokil	235½	+3½	1.9	19.9
194	135	Ricardo Group	138		5.4	16.8
215	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	170		2.9	27.1
750	507	Sage Gp	750		1.8	16.4
392	243	Servicom (C)	248	-2	4.1	12.8
94	76	Sanderson Elec	87		4.1	12.6
17½	9	Select App	13			
433	310	Serco Gp	395		1.3	
289	243	Serco Grpt	259		1.9	
180	136	Servisair	175		2.7	29.4
133	35	Shanks Corp	112			
133	86	Sketchley	86		4.7	14.4
254	167	Stat-Plus	180		6.9	
146	100	Ucheam	120			
[illegible]	12½	Vistec	12½		[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	WCP Hldgs	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
338	245	Wace Waste	256		[illegible]	11.9

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
486	353½	BT	373½	+4½	5.5	15.3
543	350½	Cable Wireless	388	+6	2.7	15.3
256	138	Eurobell Com	235		6.4	48.5
1543	1146	Securicor	1435		0.3	34.4
1263	783	Securicor 'A'†	910		0.5	21.8
892	606	Security Servt	740		1.1	20.7
188	167	Telewest	175	-1½		
221	157½	Vodafone	195	+4	2.0	25.2

TEXTILES & APPAREL

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
138	73	Albert	73		5.5	2.9
230	116	Alexandra W	119		6.1	12.7
617	450	Allied Textl	452	-3	3.8	13.9
189	72	Atkins	73		13.9	23.2
45	31	Automagic	32			8.1
270	200	Baird (Wm)	204	-1	5.5	17.4
74	35	Beckman (A)	44		10.2	21.6
290	226	Black (Peter)†	232½		2.5	13.6
121	74	Bodpon-Gerry	113	+2	3.3	15.5
226	171	Br Mohair	184	+1	5.8	18.9
74	20	Campari	#25			
104	68	Cassidy Brost	68	-2	5.1	8.7
193	163	Chamb Phipps	173		5.3	22.7
385	282	Claremont Gs	282	-1	3.3	15.7
287	166	Coats Viyella	171½	+1½	6.0	14.9
593	410	Courtaulds Text	430	+5	4.5	12.8
159½	92½	Dawson	99½	-½	3.8	
143	97½	Dewhirst (IJ)	136½		1.6	19.3
52	32	Dixie Heel	34		5.1	10.0
42	25	Drummond	30			13.5
26	13	Ehlad	20			
89	63	Faupel	64		9.6	10.4
340	260	FII	340		5.5	25.4
155	135	Forminster	150		2.8	12.6
29	14	Foster (John)	19			
126	91	French (Thmas)	91		5.0	12.4
93	48	Gent SR	90		3.3	19.9
113	73	Haggast	86	-1	4.4	11.8
70½	11	Hartstone	11½		3.5	
33	21½	Helene Plc	21½		11.7	8.8
253	222	Hicking Pntcst	233		2.8	18.5
31	21½	Hollast	22		3.4	
91	53	Honeysuckle	54		6.9	6.3
120	47	Horace Small▲	120	+2		15.3
211	173	Jacques Vert	207		3.2	8.6
73	55	Jerome (S)	57		1.8	7.2
388	268	Jones Stroudt	327		3.4	15.9
202½	120	Lambert	123		7.0	11.6
485	283	Lamont	293	-15	5.4	9.7
340	247	Leeds	251		3.1	13.0
88	61	Leslie Wise Gpt	70	-1	7.6	
101	56	Lyles (S)	64	+1	4.9	6.7
27	18½	Mosling	25		3.3	
17	10	PEX	10			
266	148	Parkland	148		4.2	8.8
123	84	Pentland	106		3.7	15.9
75	53	Pittards	66		3.3	
112	55	Readicut	62½		6.9	10.5
90	61	Ramsom	62		5.5	8.6
56	38	Richards	49	+6	5.1	
70	42	SEET	58	-5		
180	75	Sherwood Gp	78		4.9	9.1
180	128	Shiloh	128		3.4	7.8
146	93	Sirdar	93		7.3	13.5
64	50	Stirling Gp	52		4.7	14.4
26	18	Strong & Fisher	17		7.8	
69	34	UK Safety	36		9.0	8.8
142	105	Ulster (Frankt)	136		7.4	8.0
143	42	Wassan	136		2.6	19.8
289	239	Yorkyde	260		3.0	11.9

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
83	58	Air London	64		6.8	12.2
777½	619½	All Nippon Air	665	-5½	0.3	
313½	228	Assoc Br Portst	236	-1	2.6	16.7
541½	414	BAA	425	+5½	2.8	18.2
142	103½	Badgerline	134		3.8	
498½	344	Br Airways	384½	+2½	3.7	8.5
79	35	Central Tpe R	26			
108	75	Clarkson (H)	101		2.2	25.4
178	140	Dart	145	-1	3.4	14.0
592¼	195	Eurotunnel Uts	266			
87	50	Fisher (James)	50			
569	405	Forth Ports	455		2.1	21.3
289	158	GRT Bus	254		1.9	19.7
193	113	Go-Ahead	180		2.8	19.2
222	125	Goode Durrant	213		3.7	18.7
155	124	Jolli Steam	125		4.4	9.5
71	39	Jacobs (JI)	54		3.8	
111	70	Lon O'Seas Frtst	71		6.7	17
534	358	Mersey Docks†	371		3.5	
291	145	MFCI	167	+1	5.3	17.1
347	245	Natl Express	#317		3.5	
348	244	Ocean Group	257	+6	6.7	13.5
91	58	Ocean Wilson	74	+2	5.4	18.7
743	549	P & O Dfd	585	+2	6.7	17.5
208	153	P & O 5.5%	178	+5	3.9	
102	84	Seacont	89		3.4	46.0
238	158	Stagecoach	217		2.4	21.6
131	83	TNT	87	+2		
915	580	Tibbet & Britn	580	-3	3.1	15.1
327	184	TDG	203	+1	6.0	12.7
136	98	Ugland	117		2.8	
160	75	Utd Carriers	90		7.1	

WATER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian	457	+1	6.4	10.3
365	293	Mid Kent Hdgs	347		4.3	11.7
611	454	North West	514	+11	5.8	7.4
890	508	Northumbrian	811	-2	3.9	8.7
645	457	Severn Trent†	490	+9	6.0	8.2
2065	1525	South Staffs	2065		3.3	12.4
675	458	South West†	469	+2	7.0	6.9
682	465	Southern†	507		5.7	7.6
611	434½	Thames	475	+7	6.1	7.1
744	546	Welsh	567	-11	5.8	6.2
376½	252	Wessex†	285	+2	5.7	6.9
630	468	Yorkshire	499	+2	5.9	7.3

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High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
103¼	97¼	Gas 3% 1990-95	99½	+[illegible]	3.02	6.45
107[illegible]	101[illegible]	Exch 10¼% 1995	101[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.12	6.82
113¾	103¾	Treas 12¾% 1995	103¾	...	12.23	6.90
117[illegible]	105[illegible]	Treas 14% 1996	105[illegible]		13.25	7.02
121[illegible]	108[illegible]	Treas 15¼% 1996	108¼	...	14.08	7.26
117[illegible]	106[illegible]	Exch 13¼% 1996	106[illegible]	...	12.46	7.40
112[illegible]	103[illegible]	Conv 10% 1996	103[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.66	7.68
100¾	95¾	Treas 7% 1997	97¾	+[illegible]	7.15	7.95
121[illegible]	108[illegible]	Treas 13¼% 1997	108[illegible]	+[illegible]	12.16	7.98
114[illegible]	104[illegible]	Exch 10½% 1997	104½	+[illegible]	10.05	7.88
110[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 1997	101[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.64	8.08
131[illegible]	114[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	115[illegible]	+[illegible]	12.97	8.20
114[illegible]	102[illegible]	Exch 9¾% 1998	103[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.42	8.28
106[illegible]	95[illegible]	Treas 7¼% 1998	97[illegible] †	+[illegible]	7.46	8.39
102	93[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	95[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.05	8.31
131[illegible]	114[illegible]	Treas 14% 1998-01	115[illegible]	+[illegible]	12.15	8.45
140[illegible]	120[illegible]	Treas 15½% 1998	121[illegible] †	+[illegible]	12.77	8.35
125[illegible]	109[illegible]	Exch 12% 1998	110[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.82	8.45
116[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	103[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.19	8.41
129[illegible]	111[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	112[illegible] †	+[illegible]	10.89	8.49
121[illegible]	105[illegible]	Treas 10½% 1999	108[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.82	8.48
101[illegible]	88[illegible]	Treas 6% 1999	91[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.59	8.42
121[illegible]	104[illegible]	Conv 10¼% 1999	106[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.64	8.55
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
116[illegible]	99[illegible]	Conv 9% 2000	102	+[illegible]	8.82	8.46
98¾	88	Treas 8% 2000	97[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.17	8.43
136[illegible]	116[illegible]	Treas 13% 2000	118[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.98	8.59
122[illegible]	103½	Treas 10% 2001	106[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.42	8.62
106[illegible]	88[illegible]	Treas 7% 2001	92[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.60	8.55
123[illegible]	102[illegible]	Treas 9¾% 2002	105[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.22	8.67
113[illegible]	92[illegible]	Treas 8% 2003	96[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.30	8.60
127[illegible]	104½	Treas 10% 2003	107[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.28	8.67
129[illegible]	109[illegible]	Treas 11½% 2001-04	112[illegible] †	+[illegible]	10.23	8.76
86[illegible]	69[illegible]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	74[illegible]	+[illegible]	4.69	7.26
125[illegible]	101[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2004	105[illegible]	+1	9.01	8.63
105[illegible]	84[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 2004	88[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.64	8.53
100[illegible]	97	Treas 8½% 2005	99[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.52	8.51
125½	102½	Conv 9½% 2005	105[illegible] †	+1	8.98	8.62
143[illegible]	118¾	Treas 12½% 2003-05	121[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.27	8.85
112[illegible]	90¾	Treas 7¾% 2006	94[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.23	8.53
111¾	91[illegible]	Treas 8% 2002-06	94[illegible] †	+[illegible]	8.44	8.57
136[illegible]	112¾	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	115[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.13	8.87
119[illegible]	95[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2007	99[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.62	8.52
151[illegible]	124[illegible]	Treas 13½% 2004-08	128[illegible] †	+1	10.52	8.65
124[illegible]	99[illegible]	Treas 9% 2008	103¾ †	+1[illegible]	8.67	8.51
115[illegible]	91[illegible]	Treas 8% 2009	95[illegible] †	+1[illegible]	8.37	8.51
LONGS (over 15 years)						
98[illegible]	77[illegible]	Treas 6¼% 2010	81[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.68	8.40
129[illegible]	100[illegible]	Conv 9% 2011	104[illegible]	+1[illegible]	8.62	8.48
127¾	100¾	Treas 9% 2012	104[illegible]	+1[illegible]	8.59	8.47
93¾	71¼	Treas 5½% 2008-12	74[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.39	8.25
117[illegible]	92	Treas 8% 2013	95[illegible] †	+1¼	8.34	8.43
114¾	89[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	93½	+1¼	8.32	8.44
128¾	99[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 2017	103[illegible]	+1[illegible]	8.46	8.40
158½	126[illegible]	Exch 12% 2013-17	130[illegible]	+1[illegible]	9.17	8.64
UNDATED						
54[illegible]	39[illegible]	War Ln 3½%	41[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.39	...
37½	27[illegible]	Treas 2½%	29[illegible] †	+[illegible]	8.58	...
INDEX-LINKED						
204[illegible]	197[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 1996	204[illegible] †	+[illegible]	2.10	3.78
113[illegible]	106[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.96	3.82
175¾	163¾	Treas IL 2½% 2001	167[illegible] †	+[illegible]	3.52	3.93
173½	159[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2003	163[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.61	3.94
116½	107½	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.62	3.93
184[illegible]	169[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 2006	180[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.69	3.93
160[illegible]	148¾	Treas IL 2½% 2009	153¾	+1[illegible]	3.73	3.94
175¾	154½	Treas IL 2½% 2011	158[illegible]	+1[illegible]	3.75	3.95
146½	126¾	Treas IL 2½% 2013	130½	+1[illegible]	3.78	3.95
157[illegible]	134¾	Treas IL 2½% 2016	139[illegible]	+1[illegible]	3.79	3.95
152[illegible]	128½	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132[illegible] †	+1	3.81	3.95
129[illegible]	106¾	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.80	3.92
128[illegible]	105¾	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	109[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.82	3.95

The little magazine with a lot of powder

Roy Greenslade looks at the extraordinary revival in the fortunes of *The Spectator*

Perhaps the best testament to *The Spectator* comes from a man many would consider its most celebrated victim, Richard Gott. He lost his job as *The Guardian's* literary editor after the magazine's revelations about his KGB links. But Gott wrote to *The Spectator* last week: "If only what is left of the Left could produce a magazine that was half as interesting — and irritating."

That wry tribute follows more concrete proof of *The Spectator's* new status. It picked up the 1994 magazine of the year award from *What The Papers Say*, the first such award since 1957. And the latest official circulation figures show the magazine averaged sales of 51,461 copies a week in the second half of last year, its best in 48 years.

The Spectator has benefited rather than suffered from the various storms it has engendered in recent years under the editorship of Dominic Lawson, who has found a way of injecting *scandals* at regular intervals without sacrificing the magazine's credibility.

Under Lawson and Charles Moore, his predecessor, *The Spectator* has created a reputation as a "must read" among the political *cognoscenti*. It is also a haven for good writing, regularly discovering new talent.

Informed by a right-wing iconoclasm, its latest slogan refers to its being "politically incorrect". Lawson describes the philosophy as free-market and anti-regulatory, embodying old-fashioned liberal values, with a whiff of hedonism. "There is," he says, "a dislike of pomposity."

But the magazine also publishes scoops and shows a healthy ability to shock and to set the news agenda. Probably the first instance was Lawson's interview with Nicholas Ridley, who indiscreetly revealed an anti-German streak that led to his resignation from the Cabinet. Lawson stoutly defended himself against accusations that he had published an off-the-record remark. "It brought a truth into the open for the first time," he says. "It was the beginning of Euro-scepticism."

He points out that almost all the stories that have won the magazine publicity have been over matters of substance: Lord Denning's belief in the hanging of Irish terrorists, the exposure of Richard Gott's KGB links and the article by William Cash that dared to discuss the possibility of a Jewish cabal in Hollywood.

Lawson received a lot of hostile criticism over Cash's piece. He was uneasy when he first saw it and deleted some passages, but was convinced that it was right for him — a Jew — to publish it. In the weeks afterwards, he defended himself stoutly.

He is, however, prepared to admit mistakes. He regrets having published a piece by A.N. Wilson about Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, which drew on a private dinner party conversation. "It broke a valuable journalistic convention."

Lawson's approach is in line with the magazine's anti-Establishment history. In 1828, Robert Rintoul quit the newspaper he then edited because he had been ordered to vulgarise it. He founded *The Spectator*, throwing it behind the radicals agitating for parliamentary reform.

Though circulation reached barely 3,000 copies, its influence was wide. When Rintoul died, the magazine was taken up for the rest of the century by three men who maintained its reputation for political and literary criticism. Its independent tradition survived several owners and editors until the late 1950s, when it became a sort of Tory party house organ.

In the early 1960s, Iain Macleod became Editor, after his refusal to serve in Sir Alec Douglas-Home's Government. After Macleod came Nigel Lawson (Dominic's father) and George Gale, but sales of 9,000 were considered poor when Henry Keswick bought the magazine in 1975. He made an inspired appointment as Editor, Alexander Chancellor, a former Reuters reporter. Chancellor is credited by Dominic Lawson with having rescued *The Spectator* from oblivion. "With few resources, he made it the repository of fine writing," says Lawson. Chancellor also hired well, taking on Charles Moore as political columnist. By the time Moore became Editor in 1984, *The Spectator* had re-established its reputation for serious political thought and debate. It also gained a cachet under Moore, a right-wing polemicist, as the organ of the so-called young fogeys. Lawson became Moore's deputy in 1987 and assumed the editorship three years later, so there has now been a chain of editorial continuity for 20 years.

A *Spectator* tradition is that it pays most of its writers very little. "They write for love, or for attention, and not the money," says Lawson. He knows because he gave up a lucrative job at the *Financial Times* partly "because nobody at dinner parties had read what I had written".

If the writers did demand what they earn on newspapers, *The Spectator* would lose money. It has been only marginally profitable in recent years. Conrad Black, owner since 1988, appears to enjoy the kudos of ownership as much as the writers enjoy the cachet of being published.



The Spectator: a dislike of pomposity

Own-label and tonic, please

As consumers switch to cheaper tipples, Gordon's is trying to make its gin look trendy — and to teach barmen how to serve it

Next time you go to a pub for a gin and tonic, consider the service you get. In my experience, the first thing to happen is that the barman turns his back on you. After you've ordered, he'll present you with a half-melted piece of ice in a warm glass, splattered by half-flat tonic via a nozzle, and a slice of industrially prepared lemon.

Here are the instructions for a conscientious bartender: First, place a branded coaster on the table to face the customer. Maintain eye contact while reaching under the bar for a pre-cooled, tall glass. Scoop in at least four fresh cubes of ice so they do not immediately melt. Pour the gin and offer the customer a smell. Aah!

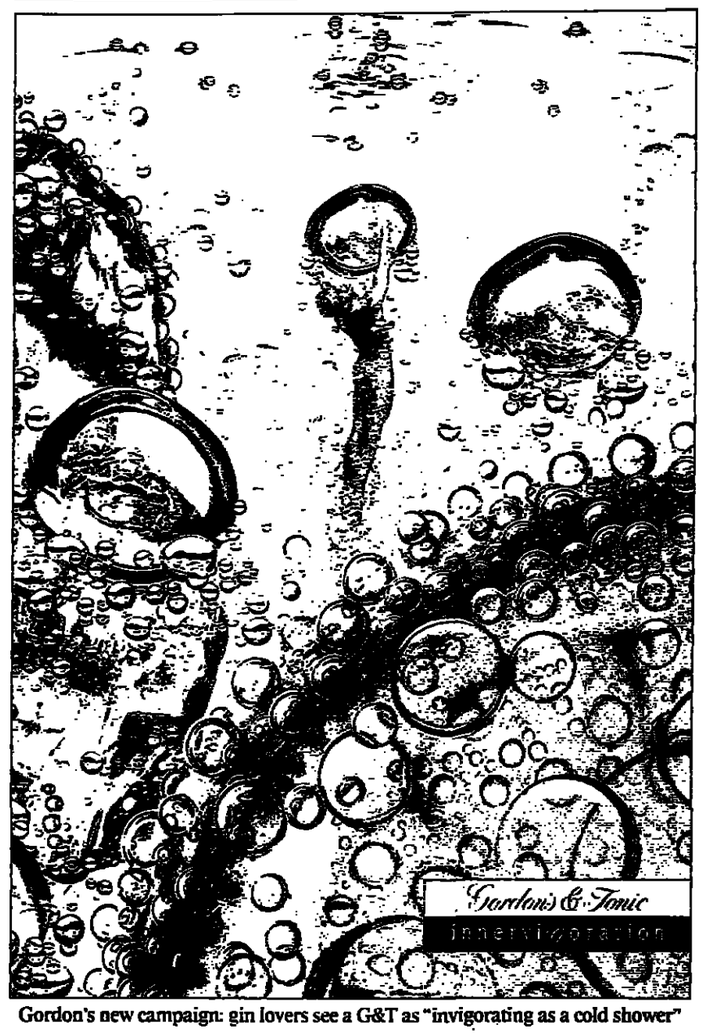
Then, open a cold bottle of tonic and add. Dab a freshly cut quarter of lemon or lime around the rim of the glass before adding it. (Slices, says Andy Neal, marketing director for United Distillers, which sells Gordon's, are out — "they are a paltry affair", he says.) Finally, stir, using a branded *swizzle stick*, and present with a *smile*.

It is the same drink but the experiences are so different that United Distillers has decided it is worthwhile paying to train staff from 5,000 outlets in the art of proper service.

So it should. Gordon's is by far Britain's biggest brand, accounting for nearly half the UK's gin consumption. Over the past five years, however, sales have fallen by a quarter as consumers have switched to white wine and vodka, and as gin marketers have failed to attract new clientele to replace them.

Gin's big problem is its image. Gin drinkers tend to be southern, conservative and Conservative and they have given the G&T a stuffy, formal aura. Mr Neal says: "The gin market did not move with the times. It was almost seen as the drink for a generation that dressed for dinner."

He now faces a classic dilemma. Every attempt to make the drink appear young and trendy risks alienating the 17 per cent of buyers who devour three-quarters of the brand's total production.



Gordon's new campaign: gin lovers see a G&T as "invigorating as a cold shower"

The first attempt by Gordon's to walk the tightrope was a witty, four-year advertising campaign associating the brand with the colour green. But it has been only half-successful. "It changed attitudes," Mr Neal says, "but not behaviour."

Now, he is trying again. Research shows that consumers are seeking out stronger tastes and returning to classic values from the flashier fashions of the 1980s. It also reveals, he says, that gin lovers see a cool G&T as invigorating as a cold shower. So this week a new advertising campaign called Invigoration will deploy lavishly produced pictures of swirling bubbles and ice to get the message across to the rest of us.

Which is where that bar service comes in. New drinkers tempted by the ad to try a tipple will most likely try it in a bar. They are unlikely to be converted to buying bottles (three-quarters of all gin is drunk in the home) if they get the melted ice and industrial lemon treatment Gordon's, Mr Neal believes, could be on the verge of a breakthrough.

Rivals are not so sure. Nick Johnston, the brands director at James Burrough, the Allied Domecq subsidiary that produces Beefeater, the No 2 brand, claims that some of Gordon's decline can be put down to marketing mistakes. In its attempt to compete with vodka, the company has, he says, "promoted Gordon's as a white spirit, almost denying gin has a taste". And a decision a few years ago to reduce its alcohol content from 40 per cent to 37.5 per cent "seriously undermined Gordon's credibility in the marketplace", making Beefeater the premium brand by default.

Before the alcohol-content cut, Gordon's used to outsell Beefeater by a factor of ten. It is still a long way behind, but Mr Johnston claims that nowadays it is catching up fast.

Being fuddy-duddy is not gin's only problem. Mr Johnston says: "Most consumers think a gin is a gin is a gin." The biggest threat to traditional brands such as Gordon's and Beefeater comes from cheaper, own-label products. Most of these are produced by a process called cold compounding, by which an essence is added to neutral spirit, rather than having "botanicals" such as juniper, coriander and cassia bark redistilled.

According to *aficionados*, cold compounding provides a harsher, one-dimensional gin flavour compared with the "real thing". But as Mintel, the market researcher, comments, "the habit of drinking gin with a large measure of tonic and the lack of educational marketing by producers have left consumers unaware of the difference".

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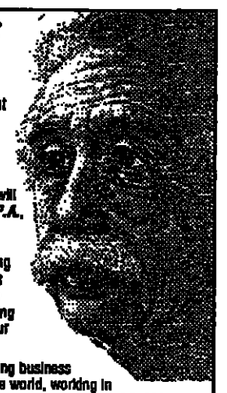
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According to a new book by America's best known media guru, we shall soon be scanning our own, personalised electronic newspapers. Do we want to?

A highway paved with paper

The only sure thing about the information superhighway is that it will be strewn with paper. If you want a sexy example, go and see *Disclosure*, the new film which purports to show Michael Douglas saying no to Demi Moore 31 times. The climax — not the one that appears on the posters — comes when Douglas, wearing virtual reality headgear, walks into a simulated room full of electronic files and finds evidence that Moore herself is responsible for the design gaffe that is getting him sacked.

What saves his job? A printout. After the chase through cyberspace in which the villainess pursues him electronically, deleting each file as his gloved hand reaches for it, he telephones the Malaysian bureau which holds back-up files and, as he has been locked out of his own computer system, he asks for hard copies. Cascades of paper fill the screen, ending with the damning written signature of the boss herself: "Meredith".

So much for the paperless office. In his new book, *Being Digital* (see below), Nicholas Negroponte, head of MIT's Media Lab, predicts the world's media will shift from "atoms" to "bits" — that is, from print-on-paper to electronic streams of data. Of course they will. But he doesn't seem to have noticed how the "bits" generate mountains of paper in their wake.

To be sure, today's great paper-spawner — the fax machine — is obsolescent. To those suitably equipped, the fax has already given way to e-mail and the Internet: messages that go from screen to screen without the assistance of an A4 slice of Finland. Unless your bank demands a handwritten signature, that is. Then it's back to paper and pen, and the creation of a document that demands to be stored in a real, not a virtual, filing cabinet.

Soon, of course, means of electronic identification will become as universally acceptable as a signature. Before long, too, letters and newspapers will be delivered electronically, rather than by hand, foot, van and train. Yet no one from MIT or any other high-tech pulpit can persuade me that, even a century from now, there will be a better way to read extensive printed text than on numbered, turnable pieces of paper.

The world's libraries on tap at the touch of a button? Easier said than done. My husband was recently advised to get a document from Washington over the World Wide Web of the Internet, rather than sent in a postbag. He called it up: the Galvin report on the future of research in US national laboratories. Transmission began, and kept going. The warning sign "Disc full" on his computer alerted him that no mere pamphlet was crossing the Atlantic. The document filled two and a half discs: the equivalent of two 800-page books.



BRENDA MADDOX

Who wants to read the complete works of Shakespeare by scrolling tediously forward and back, trying to remember key words to take you where you want to go? The screen is an even worse medium for reading the daily newspaper. Restricted to just one page at a time, you can't retrieve what half caught your eye two minutes ago or yesterday. You can't cut out and keep recipes and obituaries; you can't hand a funny article across the breakfast table.

Oh, the digital prophets say, we can overcome that! The electronic newspaper will be on paper, printed out in your home. Better than that, it will be tailored just for you! It will have just the information, even the sports, that you want and eliminate all those wasted columns that go unread. Negroponte euphorically titles this electronic marvel *The Daily Me*.

Only last week *The Wall Street Journal* took the first step towards it, introducing *The Personal Journal*, the personalised paper "for a circulation of one". As a specialised publication, such a paper obviously has its uses for the person who, say, has to keep an eye on 25 important companies. But what businessman or woman could genuinely make do without a general-interest paper carrying news of Gerry Adams, medical ethics and spring fashions?

I hope all those forward-looking newspaper groups who support the MIT Media Lab's research will not fall for *The Daily Me*. If we all get — and this goes for the BBC too — only what personally concerns us, we will be left rolling around in our own tubs of butter. Luckily, newspaper sales belie that self-preoccupation. Millions of people want an overview of the world's varied activity to pass before their eyes every day, even if they do not read most of it. And they want it on paper.

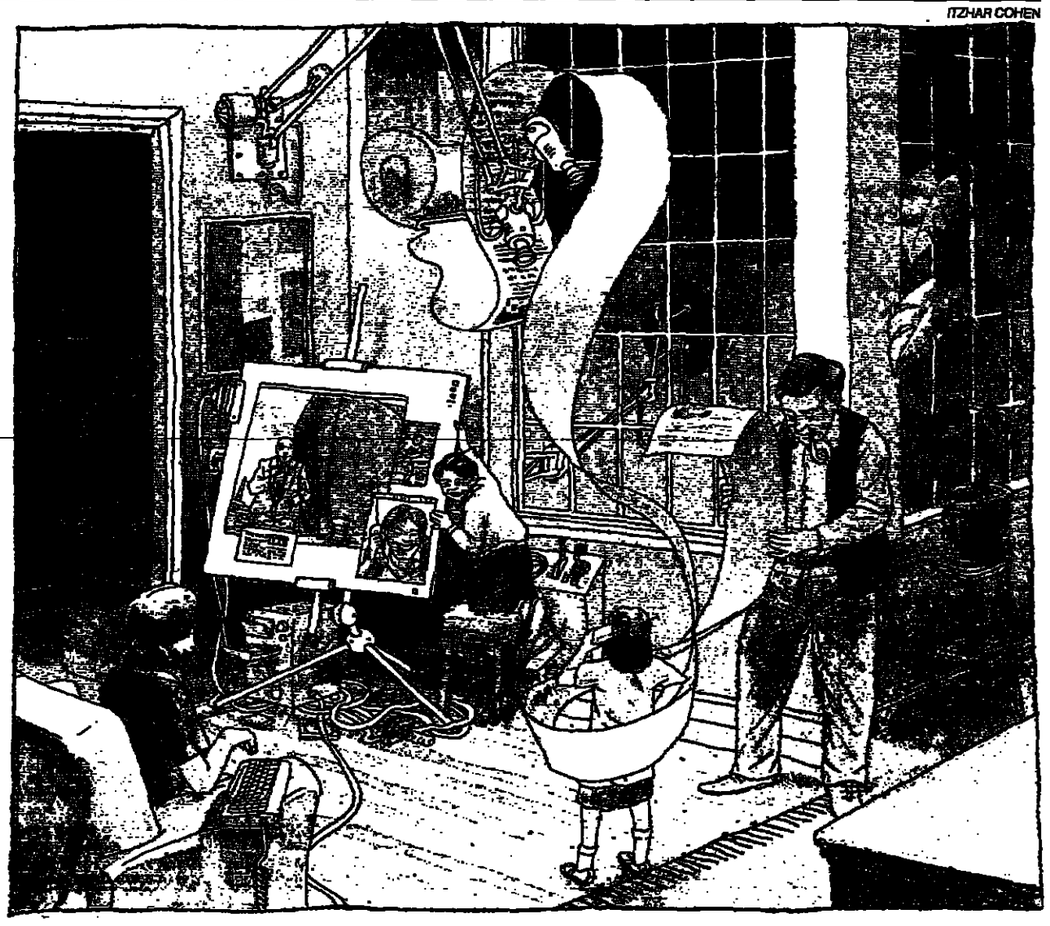
● SPEAKING of the complete works of Shakespeare, nobody who knows the warm, erudite and charming Professor Eric Hobsbawm will have been happy about his recent treatment on *Desert Island Discs*. The value of this oddball Radio 4 programme is that it reveals the private, human sides of public figures. But Hobsbawm the family man, jazz expert, country lover and eminent historian got barely a look-in as Sue Lawley was interested only in one thing: Hobsbawm's politics.

She grilled him relentlessly about his refusal to recant his Communism. Hobsbawm, driven to defend his political views, emerged as a single-minded solitary man immersed in ideology. Was Lawley afraid that she might seem soft on Communism? Or did she hope to elicit an on-air public recantation? How one would love to hear her do Galileo.

The revolution in your front room

Nicholas Negroponte explains how our lives will soon be transformed by the arrival of the information superhighway

ITZHAR COHEN



Imagine an electronic newspaper delivered to your home. Assume it is sent to a magical, paper-thin, flexible, waterproof, wireless, lightweight display. Imagine a future in which a computer can read every newswire and newspaper and catch every television and radio broadcast on the planet, and then construct a personalised summary — a newspaper in an edition of one.

It could happen sooner than you think. The slow, human handling of information in the form of books, magazines, newspapers and videos is about to be transformed by the instantaneous, electronic transfer of data. Civilisation has gained enormously from public libraries and the right to borrow books for free. But our forefathers who started this educational revolution never considered the likelihood that 20 million people might access a digital library electronically and withdraw its contents at no cost.

This change from atoms to "bits" is irrevocable and unstoppable. A bit has no colour, size or weight, and it can travel at the speed of light. It is the smallest atomic element in the DNA of information. Bits have always been the underlying particle of digital computing but over the past 25 years we have been able to digitise more and more types of information, like audio and video.

Bits transfer power from the transmitter to the receiver. Television is an example of a medium in which all the intelligence is at the point of origin. The transmitter determines everything and the receiver just takes what it gets. In fact, per cubic inch, your television set is perhaps the dumbest appliance in your home. If you have a microwave oven, it probably has many more microprocessors than your television. Instead of thinking of the next evolutionary step of television as increased resolution, better colour, or many more programmes, think of it as a change in the distribution of intelligence — or, more precisely, the movement of intelligence from the transmitter to the receiver.

> 'Your television set will be like a computer'

The key to the future of television is to stop thinking about television as television, rather to think of it in terms of bits. In other words, your set will be like a computer, capable of doing all the things that an advanced laptop can do.

The *Six O'Clock News* not only can be delivered when you want it, but also it can be edited for you and randomly accessed by you. If you want an old Humphrey Bogart movie at 8.17pm, the telephone company can provide it. Eventually, when you watch a football match, you will be able to do so from any seat in the stadium or, for that matter, from the perspective of the football.

When television is digital, it will have many new bits. These bits may be simple headers that tell you about resolution, scan rate, and aspect ratio, so that your set can process and display the signal to its fullest capacity. They may be from one of a dozen soundtracks that enable you to watch a foreign movie in your own language. They may be the control data to let you change an X-rated movie to a PG-rated one (or the reverse). Today's television set allows you to control brightness, volume and channel; tomorrow's will allow you to vary sex, violence and political leaning.

Most television programmes, with the exception of sporting events and election results, need not be in real time. This means that most television is like downloading to a computer. The bits are transferred at a rate that has no bearing on how they will be viewed. More important, once in the machine, there is no need to view them in the order they were sent. All of a sudden television becomes a random-access medium, more like a book or newspaper, browsable and changeable, no longer dependent on time or day, or the time required for delivery. Once we stop thinking of television's future as only high definition and begin to build it in its most general form, bit radiation, it becomes a totally different medium. We will then start to witness many creative and engaging new applications on the information superhighway.

Take the weather. Instead of broadcasting the weather presenters and their maps and charts, think of sending a model of the weather. These bits arrive in your computer-television, where they can be transformed into a voice report, a printed map, or an animated cartoon with your favourite Disney character, depending on what you require. The broadcaster does not know what the bits will turn into: video, audio or print. You decide. The bits leave the station to be transformed and personalised in a variety of different ways by a variety of different computer programmes.

Today's newspapers can also be seen in the same way. Information is consumed differently, by different people, at different times. We browse and flip through pages, guided by headlines and pictures, each of us treating very differently the identical bits delivered to hundreds of thousands of people. The bits are the same, but the reading experience is different.

One way to look at the future of being digital is to ask if the quality of one medium can be transposed to another. Can the television experience be more like the newspaper experience? Many people think of newspapers as having more depth than television news. Must that be so? Similarly, television is considered a richer sensory experience than newspapers. Must that be so?

Consider a modern newspaper. The text is prepared on a computer, stories are often shipped in by reporters as e-mail. The pictures are digitised and frequently transmitted by wire as well. And the page layout is done with computer-aided design systems which prepare the data for transfer to film or direct engraving onto plates. The entire conception and construction of the newspaper is digital, from beginning to end, until the very last step, when ink is squeezed onto dead trees. This is the step where bits becomes atoms.

Now imagine that the last step does not happen in a printing plant, but the bits are delivered to you as bits. You may elect to print them at home, or to download them into your laptop computer.

Of course, the television broadcaster can send you newspaper bits. This guaranteed plurality will cause today's monolithic empires of mass media to dissolve into an array of cottage industries. As we go online and deliver more and more bits and fewer and fewer atoms, the leverage of owning printing plants will disappear. Even having a dedicated staff of reporters worldwide will lose some of its significance as talented freelance writers discover an electronic venue directly into your home. The media barons of today will be grasping to hold on to their centralised empires tomorrow.

> 'Your newspaper will be beamed to the home'

It was through *The New York Times* that I came to know the writing of the computer and communications business reporter, John Markoff. Without *The New York Times*, I would never have known of his work. However, now that I do, it would be far easier for me to have an automatic method to collect any new story Markoff writes and drops it into my personalised newspaper or suggested-reading file. I would be willing to pay him the proverbial "two cents" for each story. If one in every 200 of the 1995 Internet users were to subscribe to this idea and Markoff were to write 100 stories a year, he would earn $1 million a year, which I am prepared to guess is more than *The New York Times* pays him. Once somebody is established, the added value of a distributor becomes less in a digital world.

The distribution and movement of bits must also include filtering and selection. The media company is, among other things, a talent scout, and its distribution channel provides a test-bed for public opinion. But after a certain point, the author may not need this forum. In the digital age, Michael Crichton, author of *Jurassic Park* and *Disclosure*, could surely make far more money selling his next books direct.

Being digital will change the nature of mass media from a process of pushing bits at people to one of allowing people (or their computers) to pull at them. This is radical, because our entire concept of media is one of successive layers of filtering, which reduce information and entertainment to a collection of "top stories" to be thrown at different "audiences". As media companies go more and more toward "narrow-casting", like the magazine business, they are still pushing bits at a special-interest group, like car fanatics or wine enthusiasts.

The information industry will become more of a boutique business. Its marketplace is the global information highway. The customers will be people and their computers.

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● *An edited extract from* Being Digital, *by Nicholas Negroponte, soon to be published by Hodder and Stoughton (£12.99).*

THE TIMES/DILLONS FORUM

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How to survive and prosper from the information revolution

Wrist-mounted televisions, computers and telephones, fridges that will notice when we are out of milk and tell the car to buy some on the way home: this is the digital future. Nicholas Negroponte, director of MIT's Media Laboratory in Boston, will guide *Times* readers through the technological maze in a fascinating forum on the digital revolution and its impact on our lives to be held in London on Thursday, April 6.

The forum, which marks the publication of Professor Negroponte's latest book, *Being Digital* (Hodder & Stoughton, £12.99), will offer readers an insider's view of what it is like to live in a digital world, with universal communication available to all at the touch of a control. Professor Negroponte's talk will be followed by questions.

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Should political reporting be centred on one building? asks **Simon Brooke**

Almost every time a political story runs on the news, one building plays an essential role in getting it on the air. All day, every day, government ministers, backbenchers and politicians from all political parties come and go to record interviews, issue soundbites and to appear on live programmes.

The interior of the building is familiar to a television audience of millions. Its decoration is luxurious yet restrained: the thick carpets, the elegant stone walls, the large windows, the leather armchairs and the sweeping staircases seem to mimic the Palace of Westminster, which is only a few hundred yards away.

And yet this is not the only way in which the building challenges the Mother of Parliaments: No 4 Millbank, SW1 is fast becoming the scene of each day's unfolding political drama and an alternative centre for political debate.

When broadcast journalists first established a presence at Westminster, they found themselves pushed into makeshift studios around Parliament Square and allocated minimal desk space in the Press Gallery along with their colleagues in the written press. Life was stressful, for them and for their interviewees.

These days a government minister wanting to sell a departmental initiative or, more likely, a politician wanting to highlight a gaffe by an opponent, can hit all the main broadcast media outlets in 30 minutes or so, and all under one roof. They can do live interviews for the ITN News at 12.30pm, Sky News then the BBC's *One O'Clock News* and Radio 4's *World at One* and not miss a lunch appointment.

Most politicians can "do the rounds" blindfolded: basement for ITN and local television companies, ground floor for Independent Radio News, first floor for BBC TV and radio (national and local), second floor for Sky and, if you want, the Japanese and Australian networks.

But does this concentration of broadcast journalists have an effect on the style and even content of political reporting?

The building certainly has its own internal dynamism. Stories circulate quickly. Ministers will bump into journalists on the stairs, have a quiet word and exchange gossip as easily as they would in the lobby of the House. Journalists spotting an MP disappearing into a rival's studio might not have realised or judged that he had a relevance to today's story. However, they know that if they lie in wait for the MP, they will be able to arrange their own interview directly after. Overhearing rival correspondents interviewing a politician usually provides some ideas if you are next in the queue.

The BBC has actively promoted its Millbank operation as a centre of unfolding political drama. Many of its Westminster programmes now come live from the newsroom as reporters gather information and file stories. But former Head of Westminster, Bob Eggington, is sceptical about accusations levelled against Millbank of usurping the role of the House of Commons: "Gossip is the currency of Westminster, and Millbank is inevitably the venue for significant gossiping, but it is really just an offshoot of Parliament."

ITN's political editor, Michael Brunson, believes that the style of political reporting that makes such use of Millbank is simply due to the nature of the current Government. "At the moment, the legislative programme is so thin that the focus of attention is on the Government and its troubles, not the legislation."

Thames makes a splash

THAMES Television dominates this week's television ratings charts, which shows the highest rated programmes made by independent producers during the week beginning February 19, *Alexandra Frean writes.*

The company, now owned by the media giant Pearson, has recently had the unusual distinction of seeing three different television programmes from its stable broadcast simultaneously at 7pm on Wednesdays on BBC1, BBC2 and ITV. They are, respectively, *This is Your Life*, *The World at War*, and *Wish You Were Here*.

This is an impressive feat, not least because two of the three — *This is Your Life* and *Wish You Were Here* — make it into our ratings chart, ranking 8th and 13th respectively. Another Thames production, *The Bill* on ITV, tops the chart with an audience of 13.2 million.

The fact that Thames Television is the only independent producer to feature more than once in the chart is testimony to the fierce competition and the cut-throat nature of a sector in which a growing pool of freelancers and fully-fledged production companies are competing for airtime from the three main broadcasters.

It is a point that will not be lost on Tom Gutteridge, of Mentorn Films (makers of *Challenge Anneka* for BBC1). Delivering a speech to the Royal Television Society on Monday, Mr Gutteridge highlighted the precarious nature of the television production business, pointing out that the independent sector operates on gross margins of only 8 to 9 per cent and net profits of just 2 to 3 per cent.

TOP 20: INDEPENDENT PRODUCTIONS

February 19 to 26, 1995

	Programme	Date	Time	Chan	Producer	Genre	Aud (m) All 4+
1	The Bill	Fri 24	20.02	ITV	Thames Television	Drama Serial	13.2
2	Big Fight Live	Sat 25	21.03	ITV	Grand Slam Sports/LSN	Sport	13.1
3	Goodnight Sweetheart	Mon 20	20.30	BBC1	Alomo Productions	Sit-com	12.7
4	The Gambling Man	Sun 26	19.48	ITV	Fest Films & Widwide TV	Drama Serial	12.6
5	Beyond Reason	Mon 20	21.00	ITV	Kensington Films & TV	Play	11.8
6	Play Your Cards Right	Fri 24	19.00	ITV	Talbot Fremantle	Game Show	11.3
7	The Curse Of Mr Bean	Thu 23	20.30	ITV	Tiger Television	Comedy	11.2
8	This Is Your Life	Wed 22	19.00	BBC1	Thames Television	Entertainment	11.1
9	Talking Telephone Numbers	Mon 20	18.59	ITV	Celador Productions	Entertainment	9.3
10	Pie In The Sky	Sun 26	19.30	BBC1	Witzend Productions	Drama Series	9.2
11	How Do They Do That?	Wed 22	20.00	BBC1	Reg Grundy Prod	Documentary	8.6
12	The Brit Awards 1995	Tue 21	20.29	ITV	Initial Films & TV	Entertainment	8.5
13	Wish You Were Here*	Wed 22	18.59	ITV	Thames Television	Lifestyle	8.1
14	99-1	Thu 23	21.01	ITV	Zenith Productions	Drama Serial	7.8
15	Harry	Wed 22	21.35	BBC1	Union Pictures	Drama Series	6.2
16	The Real Holiday Show	Wed 22	20.31	CHA4	Knightsmove/Chap One	Lifestyle	5.7
17	Gardeners' World	Fri 24	20.31	BBC2	Catalyst Television	Lifestyle	4.9
18	Brookside	Wed 22	20.00	CHA4	Brookside Productions	Soap	4.7
19	Network First: The Yardies	Tue 21	22.42	ITV	Observer Film Co.	Documentary	4.7
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THEATRE: Broadway has gone off, but off-Broadway has laughs; well-behaved Waller; Shirley returns after 350 years

Turning off the Great White Way

Benedict Nightingale visits New York to find that the best new American drama is being made outside the sluggish mainstream

If you still think of Woody Allen as a flummoxed, winsome little blighter, a bespectacled stick insect lost in a jungle full of killer reptiles, you might be surprised by his latest contribution to New York culture. Perhaps the fact that he composed his short **Central Park West** for an obscure theatre and not for the screen explains the intensity of its satiric attack. Or perhaps he is spitting out some the feelings that built up in him during recent well-publicised events on and around the street of the title. But the insect has a hell of a sting when it comes to writing about marriage and adultery.

Central Park West is one of a trio of plays titled **Death Defying Acts** that has just opened at the tiny Variety Arts in the East Village. It is not an altogether surprising location. Broadway has been in an even longer creative lull than usual this season, though there are bangs and flashes on the horizon in the form of Stoppard's **Arcadia**, Friel's **Translations**, the Ralph Fiennes **Hamlet** and something called **Indiscretions**, which turns out to be our own Sean Mathias's restaging of *Les Parents Terribles*. You must mostly look to off-Broadway if you are to find new work that is both arresting and American.

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One of the other two snippets at Variety Arts is David Mamet's **Interview**, which gradually reveals that the aloof bureaucrat in the grey suit is a supernal judge with infinite powers over the blustering attorney in the striped one. The main subject of their dispute is pernickety, incomprehensible and mad, a lawnmower allegedly borrowed and buried by the lawyer in his youth, and is therefore an eminently suitable means of hoisting him with his own petard and sentencing him to eternal Hell. The play is a curio, probably indebted both to the early Pinter and to Mamet's own distaste for the legal profession, and a lot less accessible than Elaine May's **Hotline**, which involves an insecure suicide counsellor and the upmarket hooker who comes raging and weeping across the wires at midnight.

Linda Lavin brings a roistering malice ("Why don't I have any friends? Because I'm *unpleasant*") to her assault on the poor man's peace of mind, without letting you forget that she is the more endangered. This is good, hard comedy, but not as hard or good as Allen's tale of infidelity among the uptown professionals. The plot is a series of neat, nasty surprises: for Phyllis, who has discovered her husband Sam is running off with her friend Carol; for Carol's husband Howard, a weedy manic depressive with a gun; for Carol, who learns that Sam actually wants to marry a 20-year-old student; for Sam, whose baby-faced fiancée is less keen on him than he thinks.

Debra Monk's Phyllis comes across as an imposing, implacable blend of white rhino and grey granite, and the rest of the cast, directed by Michael Blakemore, is excellent. But mainly you notice that what might be cute one-liners have bile and bite — "you need shock treatment, so why not wet your finger and put it in a socket?" — and the piece as a whole has a sardonic brutality. I laughed often, but mostly at greed, hate, contempt and other dark patches on Allen's misanthropic map.

By comparison, most of the rest of off-Broadway suffers from that chronic American disease, the desire to charm; but sometimes only mildly. Mark St Germain's **Camping with Henry and Tom**, at the Lucille Lortel, is a "fiction suggested by facts", the facts being that three famous men went off to brave the Maryland midges together in 1921. Henry Ford's bad driving manages to maroon them in a realistically bosky forest, giving him the chance to reveal himself as a pristine blend of Ross Perot and Oswald Mosley. Thomas Edison (superb Robert Prosky) as an embittered grouch, and President Harding as a genial giant promoted beyond his deserts or desires. As a debate about democracy, the play scarcely achieves Shavian status, but it is intelligent, amusing — and a lot better than the same author's book for **Jack's Holiday** at Playwrights Horizons.

The Sondheim of *Assassins* or *Sweeney Todd* would have given a musical about Jack the Ripper a crazy, dissonant edge; the late Ken Hill would have gently spoofed the legend, long held in America, that he came to New York and skewered a lady or two. St Germain and his composer, Randy Courts, do neither, nor anything else of note. They seem to want to suggest that New York was and may still be so violent and corrupt that killings pass unnoticed, shocking even Rippers: they also purport to be troubled by the symbiosis of murderers and tabloid journalism; but both points get lost amid the scowling post-Dickensian figures and preposterous encounters between Jack and the reporter pursuing him.

On Broadway itself, I caught Hal Prince's mega-revival of Jerome Kern's **Show Boat** and found it spoilt by lax, sentimental writing and uneven acting.

The best new arrival actually comes direct from one of the leading off-Broadway houses, the Manhattan Theatre Club. Terrence McNally's **Love! Valour! Compassion!** involves a group of friends, all gay, who gather on public holidays at the country house of a celebrated choreographer. The fidelity level is high, far higher than among Allen's heterosexuals, but cannot quite cope with the erotic impact of a young Puerto Rican. Love, valour and compassion are put to the test by other factors too, notably an aggressive, charmless Englishman with a mild, charming brother, dying of an Aids-related illness.

If this comes to London, as it surely will, it should appeal to admirers of Kevin Elyot's *My Night with Reg*, though it is more superficially written. There are quips galore from one Buzz, whose traits include a refusal to believe that the whole of humanity is not secretly homosexual: "Shakespeare was gay, so was Ann Hathaway, and so was her cottage". But lines like this are put across with such spirit by Nathan Lane that they seem less calculated than they are, and the same is true of the play overall. It works strenuously to be funny, yet it *is* funny, very funny. The 98 per cent of the audience that did not walk out when I saw it laughed all but non-stop.



The sound of gay laughter: John Glover, Anthony Heald and Nathan Lane in Terrence McNally's Love! Valour! Compassion!, "the best new arrival"

Past pleasures preserved

The Lady Of Pleasure
Cambridge Festival Theatre

CAMBRIDGE University's Marlowe Society — celebrated for fostering talent from Derek Jacobi to Sam Mendes — is instituting a two-pronged theatrical revival this year. James Shirley's *The Lady Of Pleasure*, the talk of the town in 1635 and a precursor of Restoration Comedy with its wit, bold women and picture of decadent lascivious London, is getting an airing for the first time in 350 years. Simultaneously, the Marlowe Society is breathing life back into the Cambridge Festival Theatre, dark for more than half a century.

So the doors are flung open once more and we are dazzled. Well, not exactly. I find myself circling what appears to be a derelict institution. The main entrance is bolted. The windows are boarded. I begin to wonder if I am decades wide of the mark. As a last shot, I launch myself at a side door and am, suddenly, almost on stage, in a dilapidated Georgian theatre.

At once cosy and dimly cavernous, it is a world of peeling peppermint paint and tarnished gold. The curve of the horseshoe galleries creates the focus of a bullring. I *am* in the right building: just a bit early. The incoming production team have, with innovative potency, stripped out the pit for a performing arena, sunken like a swimming pool.

This is a magical theatre; rich with layers of the past; spartan and scruffy enough to inspire creativity. As it stands, it could attract international experimental interest. Let us pray that the Cambridge Arts Theatre, planning to develop the place, get the funding for equipment, and leave the decor the way it is.

This auditorium is a curiously appropriate place for *The Lady Of Pleasure*, Shirley's satire of gaudy finery and moral decay. Centred on the marriage of Aretina Bornwell, whose epicurean binge is ruining her husband, Shirley's play is swamped with the vices of vanity, adultery and prodigality before her repentance.

Shirley took holy orders before turning playwright for the King's Men. The Festival Theatre had a spate as a mission hall: the inscribed Christian saws, not quite obliterated on the walls, rebuke the wanton characters. "Prepare to meet thy maker", one reads.

However, director Gordon Anderson updates the action inappropriately. The cast's contemporary designer garb has quite the wrong casual austerity of line for the festooned extravagance of Carolinian couture. The grunge beat of 9 lazy 9's music captures erotic charge and urban sleaze. But, while the delight of Shirley's language is its cornucopia of sensual details and local colour, Tom Hadley's set is puritanically chic. The comedy is lost and narrative complexities unclear.

It is not a vintage year for undergraduate acting either. But Victoria Woodward, playing the virtuous, independent young widow Celestina — rival to Liz May Brice's Aretina — has spunky assurance, speaking verse finely with a spring in her step. And of course, Damian Hayes's nerdy Frederick, a scholar who falls prey to the frightful wantonness of the big city, is a lesson to all alumni thinking of a trip to London.

KATE BASSETT

Too bad it is not worse

DONALD COOPER



Slick performers: Melanie Marshall and Ray Shell

Ain't Misbehavin'
Lyric

If you are the sort of pedant who demands from the theatre such fancy things as plot, dialogue and characterisation — well, step primly past the Lyric, averting your eyes as you go. You won't enjoy a show comprised of nothing but 30 songs written or recorded by Fats Waller, delivered by five performers on a stage largely bare of everything except their unflagging grins and twirling energy.

On the other hand, *Ain't Misbehavin'* has already given Waller's music an unexpected resurrection on Broadway — some 1,600 performances in the late 1970s — and (rather more modestly) a sell-out run earlier this year at the Tricycle in Kilburn.

Now the Tricycle production, directed by Gillian Gregory and Nicolas Kent, has been dolled up and moved to Shaftesbury Avenue where it will surely prosper. The public's appetite for revues of old songs in strenuous routines appears insatiable. And it is also no commercial disadvantage if they don't tax the old grey matter or tug the heartstrings.

Is this too churlish? *Ain't Misbehavin'* is undeniably a slickly worked, awesomely loud and cheerfully entertaining evening. But it is possible to imagine a much darker and deeper show inspired by Waller. After all, the gin-soaked genius did squander his vast earnings, his family life, his health, his talent and (arguably) his racial dignity — though his clown's mask hardly ever slipped.

Not a whiff of that comes through here, except just before the finish, when the rollicking six-piece band (led from a stage piano by the excellent Clement Ishmael) falls silent, and the cast wails a close-harmony version of *Black and Blue* that is memorably charged with anger. It seems to come from a different show altogether.

Elsewhere, it is not so much a case of *Ain't Misbehavin'*, as Ain't Misbehavin' Enough. Apart from one saucy song about smoking a reefer 5ft feet long (delivered with a splendid glazed look by Sean Palmer), the evening comes as close to evoking the dangerous, erotic and often sordid Harlem of the 1930s as Tony Blair does to quoting Lenin. Sometimes one of the women will gamely swivel her hips (or "shake a chassis", as Waller would say). But you would probably get more sexual thrills at a vicarage tea-party. In fact, these days, a great deal more.

However, many songs are played successfully for laughs — and laughs aplenty arrive in Ray Shell's rubber-limbed *Your Feet's Too Big*, in an exuberant, if very pre-feminist, *Find Out What They Like* (belted out by Debby Bishop and Melanie Marshall), and in Dawn Hope's tongue-twisting patter to Waller's piano classic, *Handful of Keys*. There is even an audience singalong to the song *Fat and Greasy* — words that the most jaded merchant banker might manage after a hard day in derivatives.

RICHARD MORRISON

Clive Davis on an evening with a seasoned raconteur

No cold feat for Melly

George Melly
Purcell Room

WOT, no Feetwarmers? Just for a change, Good Time George has been let loose without the accompaniment of John Chilton and his venerable gang of jazzers. With only a chair and coat-hanger for props — plus, of course, one of his most eye-catching zoot suits — Melly keeps his audience entertained with ribald anecdotes drawn from his wildly improbable life and times.

He has an ample store of tales to choose from. His volumes of autobiography contain enough salacious material to keep him on the road for the next 50 years. He should be designated a one-man red-light zone.

What made this performance so attractive was its casual, not to say untidy, structure. Melly has always studiously avoided slickness. He is no stand-up comic determined to cram every wisecrack into his routine. He creates the illusion, at least, that he is happy to pluck subjects out of the air, whether or not they lead anywhere. Even in the Purcell Room, as joyless a public space as you will find anywhere, he manages to create the same mood of conviviality that has carried him through so many residencies at Ronnie Scott's.

We began at the beginning, with reminiscences of a bourgeois childhood in Liverpool. Mother was an aspiring aesthete who always had rooms to spare for some wandering troupe of actors or dancers; father, on the other hand, was a quiet, unambitious man who "aimed low and missed". From the many theatrical visitors the boy acquired his early taste for the camp life. Misadventures at school reinforced those inclinations — though not for the first time he made a point of denying Peregrine Worsthorne's claim that they once shared a moment of adolescent passion. Some things are unthinkable, even for an arch-hedonist.

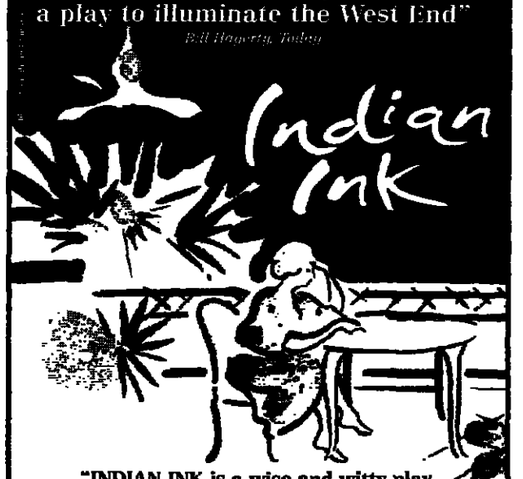
Melly's heterosexual exploits during his time with Mick Mulligan's jazz band in the 1950s provided another rich source of mischief, and he made an entertaining detour into impersonations of the Max Miller generation of comedians.

The evening faltered only during a closing session of impromptu questions from the audience, when we somehow found ourselves marooned in a lengthy disquisition on the merits of Damien Hirst. Then, thankfully, some one asked an obvious question about the worst digs Melly had ever stayed in, and we were back on the road.



Melly: ribald anecdotes drawn from his wildly improbable life and times

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Thanks for Dutch courage



Von Heute auf Morgen, Schoenberg's witty domestic comedy, in Pierre Audi's effective production for the Netherlands Opera in Amsterdam

Schoenberg triple bill
Muziektheater, Amsterdam

THE prospect of a Schoenberg triple bill might, at first, suggest indigestibility — too rich, too demanding a menu — but the Netherlands Opera's staging was instructive in the best sense, demonstrating the distance the composer travelled between the early *Erwartung* and *Die glückliche Hand* and the late, just pre-*Moses und Aron* domestic comedy, *Von Heute auf Morgen*. And this was the hors d'oeuvre to the company's forthcoming production of *Moses* in the autumn: they take operatic life seriously in The Netherlands, in a way no British company could possibly contemplate in a funding climate that presupposes only the ABC repertory: *Aida, Barber* and *Carmen*.

Erwartung (1909) and *Glückliche Hand* (1913) are from the composer's expressionist period, just as he was toppling over into atonality. The former is a classic psychodrama: Woman in dark wood may (or may not) have murdered the lover she may (or may not) be looking for. The text is so open-ended as to be positively incontinent, but Pierre Audi went for extreme simplicity in his production. There was a wood, even if some of the trees were upside down; the Woman entered, sang (and in the person of Isolde Elchlepp sang very powerfully) and exited. There was no corpse — this was truly a monodrama. The music was left to say it all.

The same was true of *Die glückliche Hand*. There are few words in this 20-minute work, written when the composer was at his most active as a painter, but the copious stage directions take almost as long to read as the piece to perform. Audi and his designer, Jannis Kounellis, declined to follow them, and staged as it were a metaphor of Schoenberg's metaphor with images of their own — a golden shower replacing the forging of the diadem, and at the end a rock-encrusted rope rising from where the shower fell to suggest some measure of creative hope. Only the substitution of two rather anonymous dancers for the glamorous Klimt-style Lady and distinguished Gentleman tended to weaken one strand of the conflict.

Both pieces were superbly played by the Hague Philharmonic under Oliver Knussen and, as the protagonist, David Wilson-Johnson looked as puzzled as many in the audience may have felt. I'm not sure I know what this piece means, let alone the title ("The Dab Hand"?), but puzzlement is bearable for 20 minutes when the orchestra is making ravishing sounds.

By the time of *Von Heute auf Morgen* (1929), Schoenberg had developed both his 12-note system and a far surer sense of theatrical shape. Any preconceptions about the incompatibility of light domestic comedy with 12 notes were soon swept away by merry laughter in the auditorium, and the story of the stuffy bourgeois pair who have just met prospective lovers at a party and thrash it all out (with an interruption when the gasman calls) in time to reject those lovers at the end bowled along with breezy momentum — not for nothing did Schoenberg secretly admire Strauss's *Intermezzo*.

The performance was of the utmost virtuosity, directed naturalistically by Audi in Kounellis's two wittily observed little apartment rooms, and beautifully sung by Wilson-Johnson and Marilyn Schmiege as the couple, and Miranda von Kralingen and Thomas Young as the threats to their marriage. Little Jori Messer spoke their child's lines very knowingly. Knussen drew stunning playing from his players, and ensured that the text was easily audible.

Why is this delightful comedy so seldom performed? The amount of rehearsal required, I fear. Thank heavens the Dutch take these things seriously.

RODNEY MILNES

Doing macho battle

La battaglia di Legnano
Queen Elizabeth Hall

IMAGINE the scene. Milan was in revolt against its Austrian rulers; the states of northern Italy were in disarray. The Pope had been forced into exile; Mazzini and Garibaldi had arrived in Rome. At this point Verdi's thirteenth opera opened in Rome, its subject the defeat in 1176 of the German Barbarossa at the hands of the Lombard League. "Viva Italia!" re-echoed from stage to auditorium and back again. The whole of the last act was repeated.

After that, *La battaglia di Legnano* was not safe from the censors till a good 20 years after its premiere. And ever since it has perhaps seemed rather too much of its time, its themes of love and patriotism too neatly polarised, to be taken very seriously. Chelsea Opera Group, though, has turned its ever-generous ear to the score.

La battaglia is unusually well suited to concert performance. It is very much an opera of individual scenes; their structure and detail can be close-focused, the unique colour of their orchestration enjoyed to the full when there is little to distract the ear. Grant Llewellyn, conducting, took full advantage of the fact. Although he could have been a little more daring in sending the work hurtling to its inexorable finale, he conducted with sharp intelligence, and drew some fine shades from this score's distinctive and Frenchified writing for trombones, trumpets and woodwind.

Verdi's heart beats particularly loudly through the chorus; and this time it was the tenors of the COG who surpassed themselves, singing with raw, Italianate open vowels and formidable strength. With its theme of insurrection, brotherhood and heroic victory this, after all, is very much a male opera, propelled by quintessentially male music. Its prime movers are Arrigo (a Veronese tenor warrior) and Rolando (a Milanese baritone warrior). The soprano (Lida, the wife) and mezzo-soprano (Imelda, confidante) are there only to provide the obligatory love interest.

Anthony Michaels-Moore predictably held centre-stage as husband-warrior Rolando, singing some of Verdi's finest baritone writing before *Rigoletto* with total mastery. Arrigo was sung by Julian Gavin (Opera North's forthcoming Laca in *Jenufa*), who will be even more useful up and down the country when he has learnt to fine-tune his strong, supple tenor.

Fiona Cameron (Lida) had the stamina and most of the technique for a part whose endless melodies, sobbing declamation and taxing bel canto were little short of a directory of 19th-century vocal art; and we heard all too little of Katerina Karnéus's lustrous mezzo-soprano as Imelda.

HILARY FINCH

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

DON GIOVANNI: Mozart's unstoppable philanderer is back in Guy Joosten's new production for English National Opera. Markus Stenz makes his ENO conducting debut with Peter Coleman-Wright, Penelope Walmsley-Clark, Janice Watson, Nerys Jones and Urban Malmberg.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-632 8300). Tonight, 7pm

HOW TO LIVE: Volcano Productions turn their characteristic wit and energy to make a hilarious pastiche of Ibsenite naturalism — five plays manically fused together — which also makes serious points about an artist's relationship to his work. Nigel Charnock directs.
Watermans, High Street, Brentford (0181-568 1176). Tue-Sat, 7.30pm. Until Mar 25

ELGAR: THE MUSIC MAKER: The BBC Symphony Orchestra's third mini-series this season comes to an end, with a programme tonight of the composer's Cello Concerto and Symphony No 2 plus Handel's overture in D minor, arranged by Elgar. Andrew Davis conducts. Antonio Meneses is the soloist. Ida Haendel joins the orchestra on Sunday for the final concert.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 8800). Tonight, 7.30pm

MODERN MUSIC AT BLACKHEATH: Tonight's intriguing all-British programme of music for horn, percussion and piano has been devised by Timothy Salter as a mix of early and late 20th-century pieces. With Richard Watkins, Alexander Neal, Thelka Myers and Salter himself.
Blackheath Concert Halls, Lee Road, SE3 (0181-463 0100). Tonight, 7.30pm.

ELSEWHERE

EDINBURGH: The **Scottish Early Music Consort** tempts its audience tonight with a programme entitled "Coffee and a Blaze of Trumpets". Bach's *Coffee Cantata* and his jubilant cantata *Jauchzet Gott* is coupled with flourishes for trumpet by Heinrich Biber along with his *Sonata representativa*.
Queen's Hall, Clerk Street (0131-668 2019). Tonight, 7.45pm

PETERBOROUGH: Glyndebourne's third community opera, **In Search of Angels**, starts four days of promenade performances this evening. More than 600 local people have teamed up with Glyndebourne's "professionals" for Jonathan Dove's work, which is rooted in the history of Peterborough itself. Festivities start at the Cathedral and progress towards the Queensgate Shopping Centre.
Information Line: (0733 341900). Tonight and Fri-Sun, 7.30pm.

PLYMOUTH: Opening night for the Drum's production of **The Glass Menagerie**, Tennessee Williams's Depression-era saga of suffocating love and nostalgia. Roger Redfern directs.
Drum, Theatre Royal, Royal Parade, (0752 267222). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.45pm. Until Apr 1.

WARWICK: The Emscote Lawn school, a regular supporter of British modern artists, is hosting a major retrospective of work by **Anne Estelle Rice**. Rice was the first Fauve artist to be born in America, painted with all the leading Fauvists of the time, and had her painting *Danseuses Egyptiennes* win the *Place d'Honneur* at the Salon d'Automne in 1910. Some 30 pieces of her work are exhibited this month, some of which are for sale.
EMSCOTE LAWN, Emscote Road (0926 491961). Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm.

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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◪ Some seats available
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☐ **AGAMEMNON'S CHILDREN:** Laurence Boswell directs in repertory Euripides's plays on frenzied Electra, haunted Orestes and sacrificed, innocent Iphigeneia.
Gate, 11 Pembridge Rd, W11 (0171-229 0706). Individual plays Mon-Tue, Thurs-Fri, 7.30pm. Trilogy Wed and Sat, except Mar 27 and March 31. Until Apr 1

☐ **CELL MATES:** Rik Mayall and now Simon Ward play Bourke and Blake, in Simon Gray's disappointing play. Mayall has some good moments.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

◪ **CONVERSATIONS WITH MY FATHER:** Judd Hirsch re-creates his Tony Award-winning performance in Herb Gardner's play, covering 40 years of Jewish experience in New York. When all's told, it's fairly thin stuff. Alan Ayckbourn directs.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm

☐ **DESIGN FOR LIVING:** Rachel Weisz, Rupert Graves and Marcus D'Amico in Coward's *menage à trois* comedy. Sean Mathias's award-winner, with even more sexual rough and tumble than at the Donmar.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

☐ **MAMA I WANT TO SING:** The longest-running Off-Broadway black musical, based on the life of the Harlem singer Doris Troy (who here plays her own mother). Cast includes the charismatic Chaka Khan.
Cambridge, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-494 5080). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Tue and Sat, 3pm. Until Apr 8

☐ **IN PRAISE OF LOVE:** Peter Bowles and Lisa Harrow in Rattigan drama about bravely facing death. Interesting and finally touching as it shows the effects, ill and good, of emotional restraint.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

◪ **INDIAN INK:** Felicity Kendal, Art Malik and Margaret Tyzack in Tom Stoppard's latest, wittily, poignantly, exploring aspects of Anglo-Indian resentments and respect. Peter Wood directs.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **THE STRIP:** Phyllis Nagy's new play follows sundry oddballs converging on Las Vegas. Don't expect great linear progression, enjoy it as a post-modernist mosaic. Steven Pimlott directs Cheryl Campbell, Nicholas Farrell and Nicholas le Prevost.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm. Until Apr 7.

◪ **THE WINTER GUEST:** Phyllida Law and Sian Thomas head Alan Rickman's sensitively directed cast in Sharman Macdonald's fine play about loss, survival, the perils and joys of life.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Until Apr 15.

☐ **WOMEN OF TROY:** Euripides's intense and poignant tragedy, translated by Kenneth McLeish. Jane Birkin plays Andromache and Rosemary Harris, Hecuba in Annie Castledine's directorial debut here.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Now previewing, 7.15pm. Opens tomorrow, 7pm.

◪ **ZORRO — THE MUSICAL:** The masked swashbuckler rights wrongs, defies gravity and gives the audience a great time in a typically rumbustious Ken Hill show. Extended to Mar 25.
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, Stratford, E15 (0181-534 0310). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 3pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Arcadia:** Haymarket (0171-930 8800) . . . ☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (0171-867 1044) . . ◪ **Cats:** New London (0171-405 0072) . . . ☐ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) . . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (0171-494 5070) . . . ◪ **Grease:** Dominion (0171-416 6060) ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal (0171-494 5400) . . . ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (0171-836 1443) . . . ■ **Oliver!:** Palladium (0171-494 5020) ☐ **Only the Lonely:** Piccadilly (0171-369 1734) . . ◪ **A Passionate Woman:** Comedy (0171-369 1731) . . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) . . . ◪ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi (0171-344 0055) . . . ■ **Three Tall Women:** Wyndhams (0171-369 1736) . . . ☐ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **DISCLOSURE** (18): Michael Douglas says no to Demi Moore. Superficially enjoyable version of Michael Crichton's sexual harassment novel. Director, Barry Levinson.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (0171-727 6705) **Odeon Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

I LOVE A MAN IN UNIFORM (18): Cop show actor loses grip on reality. Striking Canadian film from director David Wellington, with Tom McCamus.
Metro (071-437 0757)

MRS. PARKER AND THE VICIOUS CIRCLE (15): Alan Rudolph's melancholy and witty portrait of Dorothy Parker and her era. Compelling performances from Jennifer Jason Leigh and a well-chosen cast, including Campbell Scott and Matthew Broderick.
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Curzon Mayfair** (0171-369 1720) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **NELL** (12): Doctor Liam Neeson nurtures backwoods wild child Jodie Foster. Well acted, well meant, but glutinous, with Natasha Richardson. Director, Michael Apted.
MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

S.F.W. (18): Thin, raucous satire on America's fetish for celebrities. Jefery Levy directs Stephen Dorff and Reese Witherspoon.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

THE SILENCES OF THE PALACE: Powerful portrait of a servant girl's life in the Tunisian royal palace. A notable debut by director Moufida Tlatli.
ICA (0171-930 3647)

◆ **WAGONS EAST!** (PG): Feeble comedy set in the old West, only notable as John Candy's last film.
MGM Trocadero (0171-434 0031) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

CURRENT

AMATEUR (15). Amnesiac pornographer faces his past with a former nun's help. Quirky, touching, pseudo-thriller from Hal Hartley, with Martin Donovan and Isabelle Huppert.
MGM Panton Street (0171-930 0631)

◆ **LEON** (18): Precious child shelters under a hitman's wing. Sleek, empty thriller shot in New York by French director Luc Besson. With Jean Reno, Natalie Portman and Gary Oldman.
MGMs: Shaftesbury Ave (0171-836 6279) **Tottenham Court Rd** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

◆ **NATURAL BORN KILLERS** (18): Warped lovers embark on a shooting rampage, with the media in pursuit. Wearisome excess from director Oliver Stone.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **ONLY YOU** (PG). Lazy blend of comedy, romance and travelogue, with Marisa Tomei and Robert Downey Jr. Director, Norman Jewison.
Odeon Mezzanine (01426 915683)

◆ **PRET-A-PORTER** (15): Surprisingly feeble satire on the fashion world from Robert Altman. With Kim Basinger, Sophia Loren, Marcello Mastroianni, Stephen Rea and many others.
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◆ **QUIZ SHOW** (15). Director Robert Redford resurrects a TV scandal of the late 1950s. Fine performances (John Turturro, Ralph Fiennes, Paul Scofield), but not enough bite, or relevance.
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◆ **THE RIVER WILD** (12): Criminals imperil a family on their white water rafting holiday. Enjoyable action thriller, with Meryl Streep and Kevin Bacon.
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◆ **RUDYARD KIPLING'S THE JUNGLE BOOK:** Muddled live-action adventures of jungle boy Mowgli. With Jason Scott Lee, Lena Headley, Cary Elwes. Director, Stephen Sommers.
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DANCE: The compelling case for a dedicated dance house in London; a veteran is still top of the class in New York



JAMES MORGAN

Members of the Royal Ballet must commute to west London to attend rehearsals. Redevelopment of Covent Garden could eliminate this cumbersome arrangement

Why lock out the dancers?

John Percival urges the Arts Council not to leave dance companies in the cold but to use lottery cash to give them a permanent home

IT IS a summer afternoon in 1945. Sadler's Wells Theatre has just opened after its wartime closure and the ballet season is in full swing. Ninette de Valois, founder and director of the Sadler's Wells Ballet, goes along to the Council for the Encouragement of Music and the Arts (soon to become the Arts Council) with a proposal that her company should move into the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, when that, too, reopens early in 1946. "Oh no," comes the answer. "You have never played to audiences of more than 1,600, and on average far fewer, so how can you expect to fill a house with more than 2,000 seats?"

Luckily, as we know, things did not happen so, or there would have been no Royal Ballet, and no Royal Opera, either. But something very similar is being urged upon the Arts Council in the Lyric Theatre Review, which it commissioned and will consider this month. The understandable alarm about the possible effect of this report on English National Opera has tended to hide another, even more disturbing danger. The review's authors deal with the needs of dance rather cursorily, and the potentially disastrous implications of their recommendations on that subject have been largely passed over.

Their main comment — that dance needs several different homes in London, not just one "dance house" — is perfectly logical and, in fact, is taken from a report prepared for Dance UK, a widely representative mouthpiece for the profession. This recommends a "dance-house network" rather than one dedicated flagship building — *but* (and this gets passed over in the Arts Council's review) *only as an interim measure* while audiences are built up and eventual needs more precisely established. Additionally, the review has missed the point in two vital respects.

First, it is far too cautious in its estimate of demand. Asked to consider the current *and potential* audience and how to meet its needs, the working party looked at past figures (during a period when financial problems made the major dance companies give fewer performances than usual) and apparently decided no expansion was likely nor needed. Yet experience shows that when first-rate dance is provided in good conditions and on a regular basis, audiences grow.

Audience figures for Birmingham Royal Ballet leapt when it moved into its new home: more performances and better seat occupancy. Bold programming has had similar results at the Place Theatre in London. Paris and New York tell the same story. And the leading British ballet and dance companies, in a rare display of unanimity, have told the Arts Council that they "believe passionately" that audiences will develop immensely once arrangements for presenting dance in the capital "are brought to a proper level".

Even on the working party's own assumptions, its argument is weak. "There is a very limited number of occasions when a house of more than 1,700 seats is really necessary," it claims — but those occasions are for the most popular works, which can help to subsidise the rest of the repertoire. Besides, with more imaginative programming, better productions and good marketing, wouldn't more works be popular?

> "When first-rate dance is provided in good conditions, audiences grow"

Anyway, how do you define necessary? Many more seats would be "necessary" if ticket pricing allowed more of the potential audience to attend. Remember also that many dance companies which could attract big audiences do not at present come here, and cannot until there is a large enough stage and auditorium.

The second big mistake of the Lyric Theatre Review is in failing to understand the importance for dance of theatres which it occupies *by right*, not just as a lodger filling in the gaps between operas. If there is to be an *interim dance network, it is essential* to bear in mind just why the rallying cry of "a dance house" first arose.

Partly, it was the shortage of suitable stages, but there was another motive. Everybody is too polite to say so, but dance has long suffered because the medium or large London theatres available for dance and opera were almost all run by people who favoured opera, at least since it *became more fashionable than ballet*, which was not always the case and may not remain so. Only Sadler's Wells has bucked the trend most of the time.

So unless dance is once more to be cheated of its needs, the fair organisation of the dance network is vital. An independent body of some sort must supervise it, and the rights of dance to specific numbers of weeks at suitable *times should be written into all grant*-giving arrangements.

Where then will dance find its future homes among the competing schemes for London theatres? (Dance UK rightly wants a national network too, but that is another issue). Happily everybody appears convinced that Sadler's Wells Theatre deserves priority for its intelligent rebuilding scheme, which, at not too high a cost, would provide much improved facilities for dancers and audiences of all but the largest companies.

Until we have a big designated dance house, the London Coliseum is able and willing to accommodate these larger companies for part of the year. At present that theatre is very costly to hire, but the Arts Council's *review has suggestions to cover this.* Consequently the contribution the Coliseum can make to meeting the urgent needs of dance should, I suggest, overrule the idea of its improvement plans taking second place to those of Covent Garden.

Indeed, whereas money spent on Sadler's Wells and the Coliseum can produce attractive and efficient theatres, the Arts Council ought to ask *itself whether the huge costs of* restoring and improving Covent Garden would not be better put towards a new building. It is true that the redevelopment plans could mean that the Royal Ballet would finally be based at Covent Garden instead of having to journey to the Royal Ballet School in west London for its rehearsals. But however much money is spent on the Royal Opera House, the *present theatre's outdated design* would still leave many seats with inadequate sightlines.

People concerned with dance are tired of waiting to implement policies and fill needs which were identified many years ago. Now at last National Lottery funding has brought great opportunities; is it too much to hope that we can seize them with imagination, just as happened when *Sadler's Wells Ballet spread its wings* 50 years ago?

In the hall of the cyber king

Merce Cunningham
City Center, New York

At 75, Merce Cunningham is a Manhattan *classic*, a *modernist* landmark, seemingly there forever. Cage is dead, Rauschenberg superseded, but a season by Cunningham's company is still a contemporary "must", social and artistic.

His current two-week engagement included several "MiniEvents" — selections of dances arranged specially for *these performances, a sort of* Greatest Hits medley — and a single brand-new work with the funky title *Ground Level Overlay*.

The title comes from the *commissioned music by Stu*art Dempster, multiple trombones recorded in a gigantic underground water tank with a 45-second echo, augmented *by live musicians blowing* conch shells, an intrusive aural experience unafraid of New Age connotations and pompous ethno-ecological tone.

Equally dominant was the set, a commissioned art work by Leonardo Drew, a young African-American sculptor, whose dangling debris suggested an urban jungle of poetic associations. To add to these somewhat heavy-handed elements, the costumes of dark maroon and black created an atmosphere of tangible gloom, which the spirited, athletic excitement of the dancers was almost, but not quite, enough to alleviate.

This dance was choreo*graphed by Cunningham on* his LifeForm computer, his extensive involvement in cyber-dance being further proof of his youthful innovations. But, as a consequence, the dance somehow seemed computerised, especially the repeated lifting and revolving of dancers, the slow spin through the air looking suspi*ciously like those computer*ised graphics that revolve and revolve, those boringly spinning television logos.

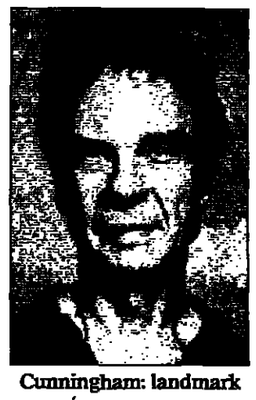
Cunningham's troupe is *clearly at a peak in every* department, from morale, physical stamina and collaborative intimacy to ticket sales and the happiness of their leader. But despite the vigour and sheer physical beauty of the company, especially the ballet-trained Frederic Gafner, *Ground Level Overlay* seemed fatally compromised *by the vulgarity of its score* and its dangerous suggestion of narrative, only a hint of which distorts Cunningham's aesthetic.

Perhaps part of the disappointment was the result of sandwiching the new work between two earlier works of unchallengeable integrity and simplicity.

Beach Birds had all the ideal elements of Cunningham: music by Cage that was largely the deployment of silence, of rustle and rice, of elegant fragility; wondrous lighting by Marsha Skinner; and the most basic leotard costumes. One could watch the dancers against the brilliant backdrop and marvel at *their interpretation of Cun*ningham's seemingly effortless projection of form in space, a Cubist gravity which recasts the simple pleasures of the human shape as an entirely musical element in the overall composition. With *long, sustained poses contrast*ed with movements of utmost fluidity, the work seemed to be generated from the random beauty of Cage's score, a perfect demonstration of the art of not having to try too hard, or never appearing to.

The last work *CRWDSPCR* ("Crowdspacer" without the vowels) was even more im*pressive, not least for the* music by John King, a young avant-garde rock guitarist from a heavy-metal background whom Cunningham sees as the heir to Cage.

King's piece was astonishing in dynamics and volume alone, a thunderstorm of steel slide guitar riffs and static, a blast of sculpted noise that *sounded like movement in*



Cunningham: landmark

itself with all its bounce and coil, one of the best strictly dance scores for a long time. All the other elements were *perfect: ice-cream costumes* and vibrant hued lighting by Mark Lancaster.

Improbably, the company seemed to have been holding its real energy back for the last. Whether in a racing, rushing field of bodies that suddenly took over the entire stage, or a solo of sustained grace by Banu Ogan, this was *dancing of rare calibre. At this* Saturday afternoon matinee, the audience included rows of schoolgirls on an educational trip (whose giggling and whispering provided unexpected counterpoint to Cage's austere near-silence) as well as some of the hippest new choreographers, testimony to Cunningham's staus both as the *historic legend of school classes* and the innovator who must still be followed.

Certainly when Cunningham himself, sprightly, smiling, came on stage, the schoolgirls clapped as loudly as Mark Morris, America's star choreographer, whose "Bravo!" initiated the ten-minute standing ovation.

ADRIAN DANNATT

CONCERTS: Strauss in the hands of a master; too much of a blast from Canadians at the Barbican; expectations unfulfilled at a birthday party

Art not without ambition

Philharmonia/ Sawallisch
Festival Hall

THE prospect of Wolfgang Sawallisch conducting the Philharmonia Orchestra in works by two composers with whom he is particularly associated — Strauss and Schumann — was an enticing one. Nor were we to be disappointed, except by the absence of the advertised soloist, Murray Perahia, from the Schumann Piano Concerto.

Further interest was promised by the inclusion of an unfamiliar Strauss work: his earliest tone poem, *Macbeth*. If the piece lacks the humour of *Till Eulenspiegel*, the passion of *Don Juan*, or the radiance of *Death and Transfiguration*, that is perhaps the result of the subject-matter: the homicidal thane and his wife are not among literature's most ingratiating couples. Indeed, the composer *himself* tried to dissuade Beecham from including it in his Strauss Festival of 1947 on the grounds that it was an ungrateful work. One could see what he meant in a performance that nevertheless successfully evoked a dark, sombre atmosphere.

With Schumann's Piano Concerto, the danger is that the work is almost too ingratiating. Certainly it takes a very special performance to lift the fluency of its conversational discourse above the level of the mundane. This was not such a performance. Peter Donohoe did well to stand in for Perahia and deliver as accurate and controlled an account as he *did. But it was little more than* that: one missed the poetry that Perahia would surely have brought to bear.

Amends were amply made in the second half, with Sawallisch's magisterial reading of Strauss's autobiographical *Ein Heldenleben*, for which he drew some very fine playing from the Philharmonia. From the opening, thrusting phrases of horns and lower strings to the final, perfectly balanced chord for wind and brass alone, it was a superbly gauged performance.

Perhaps there might have been a touch more spite in the depiction of the Hero's critics — one knows what a malevo*lent lot they are* — but the affectionate portrayal of his companion (Christopher Warren-Green the violin soloist), the vehemence of his battles and the serenity of his final withdrawal from the world were all handled with the sure grasp of a seasoned, commanding Straussian.

BARRY MILLINGTON



Sawallisch: commanding

Snarling trumpets 'gan to chide

NACO/Pinnock
Barbican

LIKE Hogwood, Norrington and Gardiner before him, Trevor Pinnock has been expanding his horizons recently. *Barry Millington writes.* He has taken on the artistic directorship of a Canadian modern-instrument chamber orchestra whose repertoire embraces not only 19th-century but also contemporary music. The Ottawa-based National Arts Centre Orchestra, with whom he has been working since 1991, has just celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary, *and* Sunday night saw the climax of its 15-city European tour with a concert at the Barbican.

It is perhaps unfair to judge an orchestra from a single concert given at *the tail end of* an exhausting tour. Certainly it has many merits — a good, clean sound but with nicely blended tone, well-upholstered yet incisive — though one cannot pretend that the *initial impression* was anything like as electrifying as *that* given by another Canadian (albeit period-instrument) orchestra, Tafelmusik, when it first became *known here.*

Well blended the sound may be, for the most part, but Pinnock allows his first trumpet to make himself far too prominent in the sound picture, *especially in* a work such as Beethoven's Eighth Symphony, where his part merely reinforces cadences anyway. The symphony was given with all the attention to period style that one would *expect from Pinnock* — strongly articulated phrases, nicely sprung rhythms, judicious tempos — yet without quite avoiding the sense of the journey being made on autopilot.

The same sense affected the performance by Hakan Hardenberger of Haydn's Trumpet Concerto, though perhaps for different reasons. Hardenberger's technique is supreme, and every note was in place, impeccably produced, stylishly phrased. But has he played this work too often? It seems to hold no dangers for him, no challenges, and the result is a flawlessly tooled gem that has no edge to it.

After the interval, a six-minute score entitled *Vertige*, by the orchestra's composer-in-residence, Linda Bouchard, lifted the spirits. Inspired by patterns and movements in nature, it evokes the rude energy of rushing torrents or whirlwinds, its discords exploding like natural eruptions.

The principal trumpet seemed determined to turn Mendelssohn's "Scottish" Symphony into a second concerto for his instrument, but otherwise the performance was exemplary. Particularly striking was the way Pinnock released the demonic energies of the first and last movements, putting one in mind of Mendelssohn's great pagan celebration *Die erste Walpurgisnacht* — not least in the triumphal major-key coda.

Must try harder

Chetham's Gala/ Clayton
Barbican

CHETHAM'S School of Music has cause to celebrate, though you might not have known it from its Barbican concert on Monday. For the past 25 years, it has built up an educational community for young musicians known for its kindliness and support as well as for its excellence. The series of anniversary concerts up and down the country this month certainly shows something of the liveliness and diversity of Chetham's music-making. But this London concert was a disappointment.

The feeling of having been slightly let down is, I suppose, a compliment in itself. Expectations are high: excellence of ensemble, sophistication of musical understanding and a degree of flair are almost to be taken for granted now in Britain's youth orchestras. So one always wants more. This time, one longed for a far more enterprising programme than the Beethoven and Elgar on offer, and for playing which really caught fire.

Julian Clayton's conducting of Elgar's First Symphony failed to convince me that this was the most emotionally and technically engaging of works to choose for this age group. Its slow movement showed off the strings' skill at sustaining a firm line and rich depth of tone, its finale their predictable nimbleness and speed of response. But the symphony started just too slowly for the violas to sustain its great tune, and for the cellos not to trudge. Despite moments of animation, and some highly accomplished wind and brass playing, the performance never really achieved lift-off.

That thrill of discovery and of excited commitment which can ring out of a young orchestra, as yet undulled by preconception or professional drudgery, was strangely missing, too, in Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 4. This would surely have been just the occasion to choose a concerto for one of the school's own soloists. As it was, the ever reliable, businesslike John Lill made his way confidently and comfortably through the concerto, inspiring little but dutiful, well-behaved accompanying in this most mysterious and elusive of works.

Like the evening as a whole, this was a sadly missed opportunity. It was not the message Chetham's should be giving the world; and few were there in the audience to hear it.

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Season of scandal leaves football desperate to regain values of another era

Lament for a game that has lost its soul

Rob Hughes traces the decline in standards to the lavish rewards on offer to players

What now do we tell the children to whom we have sold the notion that football is a sport, a national game bound by a common set of rules that unite people on and off the pitch? We must start by admitting the truth. We must say that the affairs of the past few months, the almost daily charges against leading figures of the game, have come as a shock. Most of us trusted that football, and sport in general, were of a higher calling than the seedy affairs that may entrap people in the City, in politics and in the underworld.

Why has it all gone so wrong? Why, when there is so much wealth on offer even for a merely competent player, has greed raised its head? Why have a succession of disparate and unconnected incidents involved the police, the courts and even the quasi-courts of Lancaster Gate, where the Football Association has its headquarters?

At times like these, one tends towards the generation game. Matthews, Finney, Bobby Charlton and their ilk, were — indeed still are — men who came into the game for the sheer love of it. They had to be, for until George Eastham and Jimmy Hill ended the maximum wage, the "sacrifice" that youngsters gave of their youth to become professional performers was rewarded by what were then thought to be wages of slave dimensions.

Now, thanks to the unholy trinity of television, sponsorship, and the sport, there is so much thrown at the feet of new recruits that, almost overnight, arrogance and greed consumes them. They come into the game not only for love, not for glory alone, but with pound signs writ large.



Charlton: integrity

There is certainly a new game afoot, played by a media avaricious for scoops and revelations. But they could not feed on thin air; the falling of values invites them, and if the game has been so stupid as to allow corruption to build towards epidemic levels, then the media investigators are doing the game a service.

There is a poison in the game today, and it was to be seen on the steps of Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court on Monday, in the form of men who we loosely call agents. These leeches do not even profess to play or to understand the game; they understand money, how to twist arms and open wallets, and alas they have met so far a totally naive, complacent sporting authority which, if it saw them coming, allowed itself to be duped or to be bought off.

They have been considerably helped by the change in society's values. Notoriety is today rewarded as much, often more, than fame. Hence the scramble for film and television rights to the Nick Leeson "story" yesterday, hence the veritable industry that has grown up in the United States to sell books, trinkets, rights and anything else to do with O. J. Simpson.

> 'They come into the game, pound signs writ large'

What has happened is that the beautiful game has become a vehicle for intruders at home and abroad who have trampled, studs firmly down, on what it means both to the performer and the customer. This worldly aspect surfaced in Italy more than 15 years ago when the selling of matches by players, including Paulo Rossi, was almost condoned on the very steps of the Palace of Justice in Rome. "Sporting fraud is not a crime," came the intolerable verdict. So Rossi was free to score six goals and to win for Italy the 1982 World Cup. And when, just a couple of weeks ago, a journalist dared to raise that little piece of skulduggery, Rossi virtually threw him bodily out of the room. The past is catching up with us all. It is now visiting England, Brazil, Germany, France, Malaysia, wherever, with a vengeance. And yet . . . last Sunday in Liverpool, one saw something to grasp of the good nature of football and its supporters. Newcastle United were playing in the FA Cup at Everton, and two dozen Geordies had stopped by the memorial, at nearby Anfield, to the 96 Liverpudlians killed six years ago at Hillsborough. In a reverent silence, one youth stepped forward and placed his black and white scarf neatly at the foot of the column bearing the names. Another almost sheepishly laid a posy of spring flowers.

Here was homage to fellow supporters, a tribute to people one imagines they never knew. Here was the sensitive soul of decent folk who follow the game. From them there is hope; decency lies somewhere beneath the daily fall of this acid rain that is corroding the sport.

□ Dalian Atkinson, the Aston Villa striker, has said he wants to leave the club — and possibly English football altogether — at the end of the season. Atkinson's four-year contract ends in the summer and he is keen to move back to the Continent. Atkinson spent a successful spell in Spain with Real Sociedad before moving to Villa in 1991.

Footballer jailed for attack is given bail

By Michael Horsnell

DENNIS WISE, the England and Chelsea footballer, was found guilty of assaulting a 65-year-old man in quite disgraceful circumstances. When he made it clear that he was not going to bow to your demands you resorted to

received his three-month sentence his lawyers went to Southwark Crown Court where they successfully applied for bail

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Sporting soap opera keeps audience hooked

MIDWEEK VIEW



SIMON BARNES

It is time to examine the thread that links Dennis Wise and Nicole Bobek. Footballer and ice skater: how should we appreciate them?

When Wise next plays football, will we think only of his quickness of thought and foot? For surely, if what we are truly interested in is sport, that is what we should do.

True, Wise has been sentenced to three months in prison for his assault on a taxi driver, and his appeal will be much on his mind. But do we put it out of our minds when we watch him, and admire his support play, his defensive contribution, his passing skills, his, er, commitment and aggression?

Is it possible to watch football with a lofty contempt for its soap opera? Could we watch Bruce Grobbelaar without a thought for his own troubles? Will we be able to watch Eric Cantona without thinking of that night at Selhurst Park?

At the skating world championships last week, Nicole Bobek's short programme was one of the highlights. Athleticism, grace, extraordinary long lines; this was the real thing all right, a skater who has the lot.

All this would have been revelation enough even if we had been able to separate the person from the soap opera. But of course, Bobek arrived at the championships in a fragrant cloud of scandal. She had been on probation for "home invasion", and her exposure as skating's latest "bad girl" placed her under quite extraordinary pressure.

This, added to the pressures of championship skating, might have broken anyone, let alone a 17-year-old, but she was able to set the chaos of her life to one side, and audiences responded emphatically to this double achievement.

Should we, could we, have put all thoughts of criminality out of our heads and kept our thoughts on the change-foot axel so daringly combined with a triple salchow? Or was the titillating biographical detail actually relevant?

Now, in certain moods, I am prepared to argue the total irrelevance of biography to any work of art. Never trust the teller. Trust the tale. But human curiosity, vulgar and common to us all, gets in the way. "A novelist writes what he is," X. Trapnel said. "That is equally true of authors who deal with medieval romance or journeys to the moon." And similarly, the way you play a game is an aspect of the kind of person you are. Wise, footballer, plays what he is; Bobek, skater, skates what she is, and sport is the great revealer of personality.

In some ways, what Bobek and Wise do in their spare time is irrelevant. But just as biographical detail casts light, sometimes harsh and direct, sometimes angled and diffused, onto a book, so the same is true of athletes performing in public.

It is impossible to watch sport and not be interested in the natures of athletes. Compare Matthew Le Tissier's diffidence with Wise's traditional small man's aggression. This is relevant to football, relevant to the very future of the England football team. After all, Terry Venables, the England coach, swapped one for the other in his last match.

Similarly, the way Bobek rose to an occasion and confounded her troubles indicates a strong mind as well as a fine skater. What does this say about the next world championships, the next winter Olympics?

But even if such matters were not relevant, the soap opera side of sport would still fascinate. Sport reveals personality in the most dramatic fashion possible. Football is played with real people, not with Subbuteo men. To watch sport, and to divorce it from the lives of its athletes, is more than I can do. Those who lack vulgar curiosity are less than fully human.

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GENTLEMEN

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

I held this hand in the Malta International Bridge Tournament:

♠A954 ♥KQ73 ♦J62 ♣62

I was West, playing match-pointed pairs. With my side vulnerable and my partner the dealer I had to make a bid in this auction:

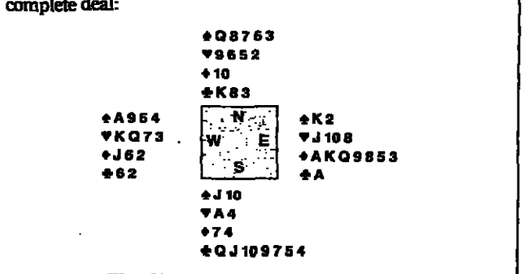
W	N	E	S
—	—	1♦	2♣
2♥ (1)	3♣	3 NT	4♣
Dble (2)	Pass	4♥	5♣ (3)
?			

(1) This is the type of hand which is very well expressed by a negative double. Unfortunately on this occasion that was not part of our methods.

(2) With only four hearts and an unproductive shape I wanted to warn my partner not to bid on.

(3) Clearly my right-hand opponent did not know I was the bridge correspondent of The Times - else how could she possibly bid Five Clubs after having been doubled in Four Clubs?

Over Five Clubs I doubled again, and all passed. This was the complete deal:



Contract: Five Clubs doubled by South. Lead: Six of clubs

Five clubs went three off to give us 500. This was a terrible result : East-West can make ten tricks in No-Trumps for 630 (admittedly not a possible contract at our table), and twelve tricks in diamonds for 620 or 1370 depending on whether we bid the slam.

The fault was mine - when my partner, Mario Dix, removed my double of Four Clubs into Four Hearts it should have been clear to me that his 3NT bid had been made on a non-standard hand type. If he had just had a balanced hand he would have passed the double of Four Clubs. So it was likely that he had long diamonds, and I could have saved the day by bidding Five Diamonds over Five Clubs.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Short struggling

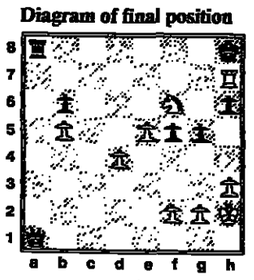
Britain's Nigel Short is struggling to avoid last place after a particularly drastic defeat in round ten of the international tournament in Linares, Spain.Short's defeat came at the hands of the Spanish Grandmaster Miguel Illescas who secured strategic domination of the vital c-file before switching his forces sharp right to administer checkmate against the black king.Illescas embellished his performance with two neat queen sacrifices. In the final position Black's extra queen has proved powerless to prevent checkmate.

White: Miguel Illescas
Black: Nigel Short
Linares, March 1995

French defence

1	e4	e6
2	d4	d5
3	e5	c5
4	c3	Nc6
5	Nf3	Bd7
6	Be2	f5
7	0-0	cxd4
8	cxd4	Nge7
9	b3	Nc8
10	Ba3	Bxa3
11	Nxa3	0-0
12	Qd2	Qe7
13	Nc2	Be8
14	b4	a5
15	b5	Nd8
16	Rfc1	Bh5
17	Nce1	g5
18	h3	Qg7
19	Rc3	Bxd3
20	Nxf3	h6
21	Rac1	Nb6
22	Nh2	Kh8
23	Nf1	a4
24	a3	Rf7
25	Ng3	Qf8
26	Nh5	Re7
27	Nf6	Nd7
28	Nh5	Nb6
29	Rc7	Nc4
30	Rxe7	Qxe7
31	Bxc4	dxc4
32	Rxc4	Qxa3
33	Rc7	Qf8
34	Qe2	a3
35	Nf6	Nf7
36	Qxe6	a2
37	Qxf7	a1Q+
38	Kh2	Qxf7
39	Rxd7	b6
40	Rh7	Checkmate

Diagram of final position



A key variation occurs on move 30. If Black plays 30 ... Nxd2 then 31 Rxc7 Qg8 32 Nf6 wins easily.

Karpov leads

With three rounds to go in Linares, Spain, Anatoly Karpov has seized the sole lead with 7.5 points out of ten. Vassily Ivanchuk has seven points while Nigel Short has 3.5.

Las Palmas

The fourth game in the PCA qualifying match between Gata Kamsky and Viswanathan Anand has been drawn. The score is level at two points each.

Eight games remain to be played in the Kamsky v Anand clash. On the run of play so far, Anand has shown himself the superior technician, but his loss by time forefeit in the first game in the position where the Indian Grandmaster could have forced a win, will unnerve his supporters. At stake in this contest is the right to challenge P C A world champion Garry Kasparov in Cologne over September and October this year in a match where the loser's purse alone will amount to half a million dollars.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SOAPOLALLIE
a. Song sung by laundry-maids
b. Twine used to sew bagpipes
c. Drink made from crushed berries

ZABUTON
a. Taiwanese fish dish
b. Floor cushion
c. Medieval Portuguese governor

TOCHARISH
a. A language
b. Cheeky
c. A Scottish clan

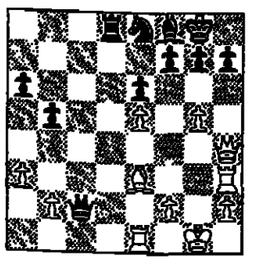
SEAU
a. A bucket-like vessel
b. A French sandal
c. Fine artist's canvas

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Polugayevsky - Antoshin, USSR 1955. Here White spotted a weakness in the black position which gave him the chance for a winning combination. Can you do as well?



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Tottenham offer test of United's challenge

By Peter Ball

A FINAL encounter between Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur would be almost every neutral's favourite outcome to the FA Cup this season. There is still some way to go for that to happen, but, for United, the meeting at Old Trafford tonight is almost equally important, offering them the chance to close the gap behind Blackburn Rovers at the top of the FA Carling Premiership to just one point.

"This is our chance to get closer and this time the players can't turn it down," Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said yesterday. "Once or twice we have let our rivals off the hook, but we can't afford to be so generous now. Blackburn gained another point on us at the weekend when we were involved in the cup, so this is a very big night for us."

With Tottenham tonight followed by a visit to Liverpool on Sunday, the next five days could determine the success or



Ferguson: determined

failure of United's defence of their championship. Alex Ferguson's priorities were visible when he kept Roy Keane on the bench for Sunday's FA Cup sixth-round defeat of Queens Park Rangers to try to ensure he was fit to meet Tottenham. The ploy failed. Keane had to come on for the second half and his hamstring problem has, as a result, recurred, making him doubtful for the match this evening. He will most likely be held back for the visit to Anfield. Giggs, who went off against Rangers, is expected to be fit.

United won with some comfort at White Hart Lane in August, but it should be harder this time. Much will depend on how committed Tottenham are, but, after their vibrant performance and great win at Anfield on Saturday, they will come to Old Trafford full of confidence. It would be no surprise if Klinsmann responds to the atmosphere with another demonstration of his goal-scoring ability.

While Tottenham and Manchester United should offer a match of passing, intelligence and telling movement to equal anything in Europe tonight, the vital game on the fringe of the relegation zone between Manchester City and Everton will be basic British.

"It might not be a game for the purists, but it will be one for the brave and willing," Brian Horton, the Manchester City manager, said yesterday. To that end, Horton has taken a leaf out of the approach that has guided Everton towards safety and will bring back Niall Quinn, offering the prospect of both sides aiming for 6ft 4in centre forwards.

"We have to realise from here on in that we don't have to be entertaining any more, we've just got to get points," Horton said. "I've seen their pitch and you can't pass it around on that. You have got to be more direct. We have got to do what Everton do well. They've been in trouble and they've tried to battle their way out of it. We've got to do the same."

The question is whether, even with Quinn, City have the personnel for the battle. If they lose, Everton will move above them in the table, leaving City looking increasingly vulnerable.

"It's a chance for us to move above them and that's what makes it a bigger game than the one against Newcastle," Joe Royle, the Everton manager, said. Royle will do without Vinny Samways, who has made a verbal request for a transfer after being omitted from the side that beat Newcastle United in the FA Cup on Sunday. Samways was the club's most expensive signing at £2.3 million when Mike Walker signed him from Tottenham in August.

Samways started the first 13 games of the season, but has made only two full outings since Royle took charge in November. He has been on the bench four times, but has rejected a similar role for the match tonight.

"Vinny has indicated that he sees his future elsewhere," Royle said. "He hasn't put anything in writing, so we'll have to wait and see."

Samways left White Hart Lane having earned an FA Cup winners' medal with Tottenham in 1991. He does not plan to put in an official request for a move, but said: "If the club gets an offer I'd like them to consider it."



Golac enjoys his one significant triumph with Dundee United — defeating Rangers in the 1994 Scottish Cup final

Golac forced out of Tannadice

By Kevin McCarra

DUNDEE UNITED yesterday parted company with their Croatian manager, Ivan Golac. The club denied dismissing him and a statement said the decision had been taken "by mutual agreement and in accordance with the terms of his contract". Nonetheless, it is the directors' dissatisfaction that has forced Golac out of Tannadice. Two coaches, Gordon Wallace and Paul Hegarty, succeed Golac on a caretaker basis.

The performance of the carefree and fanatically optimistic manager will always provoke debate. Golac was appointed in 1993 and won the Tennents Scottish Cup last year by defeating Rangers. He was credited with bringing a crucial gusto to United, who had lost in each of their six previous appearances in the final of the competition.

Throughout his time at Tannadice, however, United had been prone to frequent bouts of insipidness. On Sunday, Heart of Midlothian knocked them out of the Scottish Cup although United had opened the scoring. The club, eighth in the premier division table, could yet be relegated and United won just 19 of their 71 league matches during Golac's tenure.

United's statement cited unsatisfactory performances and added that action had been taken at this point, "both to preserve our premier league status and to prepare for next season. The board now feel that the future of Dundee United will be better served under new management".

While United's failings had been unarguable, the interpretation of the causes cannot focus wholly on Golac. He said: "I just wonder what went wrong after winning the Scottish Cup last season." That had been the first trophy collected by the club in 11 years and the manager followed it by calling for United to match his own ambitions.

Tannadice has always been noted for the financial prudence that created a rigid wage structure. Golac wished for a loosening of those restraints in order to buy a better calibre of player. The excellent Gordan Petric, at £600,000 remains, however, by far the most expensive of his signings.

United's chairman, Jim McLean, was Golac's immediate predecessor and spent 22 years as manager. The relationship between the two men had looked potentially difficult from its earliest days when Golac's chosen assistant, Sean O'Neill, was never appointed. McLean and Golac do not appear to have been in open conflict but the Croat did complain that he was required to seek board approval on too many matters.

Possible successors to Golac include the chairman's brother, Tommy McLean, who has grumbled lately about the lack of resources at his club, Hearts, and Jimmy Nicholl of Raith Rovers. United, though, may consider promoting their captain, Maurice Malpas, 32, to manager.

Ferguson will miss FA Cup semi-final

DUNCAN FERGUSON, the Everton forward, yesterday failed to overturn his dismissal against Leicester City ten days ago and thus play in his club's FA Cup semi-final against Tottenham Hotspur at Elland Road, Leeds, on April 9. For Everton, whose style is built on the 6ft 4in striker's aerial ability, it could be a body-blow, affecting not only their chances in the Cup but, with Ferguson to be suspended for four matches, also their hopes of staying in the FA Carling Premiership.

Everton claimed yesterday that the striker was more a victim of his own reputation than any deliberate intent, but the match referee, Phil Durkin, has now reviewed a video recording of the incident and decided that he saw nothing to make him change his opinion that Ferguson led with his elbow and therefore committed a serious foul.

The Leeds United chairman, Leslie Silver, insisted yesterday that Elland Road is a safe venue for the semi-final. Silver was respondding to remarks made by Gerry Francis, the Tottenham manager, who had reacted angrily to the news that the game would be played in Leeds, claiming there could be problems with supporters travelling without tickets.

Silver said: "We can handle the situation. From an access point of view, Elland Road is probably one of the safest grounds in the country. It is close to the motorway network, so people can get here from London and Merseyside without needing to go into the city centre. The FA have chosen Elland Road because it is a fairer venue than Wembley, which would have been like a home game for Tottenham."

Sri Lanka poised to complete notable away win

By Our Sports Staff

SRI LANKA'S bowlers sliced through the top of the New Zealand batting order on the fourth day of the first Test match in Napier yesterday, leaving the touring team well placed to gain its first Test success outside its own island.

New Zealand, left to score 427 for victory after the Sri Lanka second innings closed at 352 soon after lunch, finished the day at 139 for four and are facing their fifth defeat in their last six Tests.

The only sour note for Sri Lanka was sounded by the New Zealand coach, John Reid, who voiced concern over the bowling action of Muralitharan, the off spinner, who has taken three for 47 in the New Zealand second innings.

"We're not saying he throws. What we are saying is that there is a doubt about his action, I think quite a serious one," Reid said, adding that Muralitharan should be given the chance to prove his action was above-board.

The Sri Lanka captain, Arjuna Ranatunga, said he was not worried by Reid's comments. "He [Muralitharan] has played all over the world with neutral umpires and match referees, so we aren't concerned," he said.

The Sri Lanka wicket-keeper, Chamara Dunusinghe, narrowly missed a century on his debut when he was bowled for 91 by Danny Morrison, who then removed Pushpakumara first ball to wrap up the innings and put himself on a hat-trick.

For New Zealand, Mark Greatbatch hit a six and four fours in his 46, but when he fell to a slip catch off Muralitharan, Sri Lanka quickly snapped up the wickets of Darrin Murray and Stephen Fleming.

SRI LANKA: First Innings 183 (A Ranatunga 55).

Second Innings

A P Gurusinha lbw b Larsen	8
D P Samaraweera run out	6
S Ranatunga lbw b Larsen	7
P A de Silva c Parore b Morrison	62
H P Tillekeratne c Young b Nash	74
*A Ranatunga b Morrison	28
†C I Dunusinghe b Morrison	91
C P Vaas b Walmsley	36
G P Wickremasinghe c sub b Larsen	16
M Muralitharan not out	10
R P Pushpakumara c Parore b Morrison	0
Extras (b 2, lb 7, nb 5)	14
Total	352

FALL OF WICKETS 1-14, 2-21, 3-22, 4-121, 5-165, 6-295, 7-294, 8-323, 9-352.

BOWLING Nash 36-12-87-1; Walmsley 38-7-112-1; Larsen 39-13-73-3; Thomson 6-3-10-0; Morrison 25.3-5-61-4

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings 109 (C P Vaas 5 for 47).

Second Innings

B A Young c Samaraweera b Muralitharan	14
D L Murray c Dunusinghe b Vaas	36
M J Greatbatch c Tillekaratne b Muralitharan	46
S P Fleming c Tillekaratne b Muralitharan	0
*K R Rutherford not out	20
S A Thomson not out	2
Extras (b 4, lb 11, nb 6)	21
Total (4 wkts)	139

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-108, 3-108, 4-112.

BOWLING Wickremasinghe 13-2-42-0; Vaas 16-5-24-1; Pushpakumara 5-1-11-0; Muralitharan 22-9-47-3

Umpires: D Cowie (New Zealand) and S Randell (Australia).

IN BRIEF

Thorburn displays glimpse of old form

STEVE DAVIS followed Stephen Hendry as a surprise second-round loser in the Thailand Open snooker tournament when he was beaten 5-2 by Cliff Thorburn in Bangkok last night (Phil Yates writes).

After Hendry's 5-2 defeat by Ronnie O'Sullivan on Monday, Davis, winner of the Regal Welsh Open in January and runner-up in last month's International Open, could have overtaken him in the provisional world rankings by capturing the title.

However, Thorburn, down to world No 54 after a series of barren seasons, produced a stubborn defensive performance to reach the quarter-finals of a ranking tournament for the first time since the 1991 European Open.

Pay progress

Cricket: An amicable settlement to the wage dispute between county players and the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) appears likely after representatives of the sides met in London on Monday.

David Graveney, the chief executive of the Cricketers' Association, said that a memorandum presented to the TCCB before its spring meeting last week had achieved its aim of focusing attention on the players' principal concerns.

Enhanced benefits for established county players is one of four areas in which the TCCB has decided, in principle, to invest some of this year's £5.5 million increase in television revenue. The others are grass-roots cricket, the development of centres of excellence, and the improvement of television and radio facilities at Test venues.

Gregory's task

Rugby league: Andy Gregory not only returns to the Salford team at scrum half tonight, but is in temporary charge at the Willows. Despite the toughness of his coaching baptism, against Warrington in the Stones Bitter Championship, his appointment will almost certainly be made permanent before the visit of Wigan on Sunday.

Gregory's temporary appointment follows the resignation of Garry Jack on Monday night, after less than two years as coach.

Women rule

Golf: Women will act as rules officials at this year's Open for the first time. Elizabeth Earnshaw, of the Ladies Golf Union, and Kendra Graham, an employee of the United States Golf Association, will be among the rules officials on duty at the 124th Open at St Andrews from July 20 to 23.

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

INTERNATIONAL BADMINTON FEDERATION WORLD RANKINGS: Men: 1, H Arbi (Indo) 720pts; 2, H Susanto (Indo) 600; 3, J Olsson (Swe) 490; 4, F Permadi (Taiwan) 480; 5, Lee Kwang-jin (S Kor) 445; 6, Hendrawan (Indo) 360; 7, J van Dijk (Holl) 330. Women: 1, Lim Xiaoqing (Swe) 990pts; 2, S Susanti (Indo) 720; 3, Bang Soo-hyun (S Kor) 565; 4, C Martin (Den) 480; 5, Ye Zhaoying (China) 425; 6, Ra Kyung-min (S Kor) 380

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Washington 106 Charlotte 103, Houston 97 Atlanta 86; Dallas 130 Golden State 125; Los Angeles Lakers 93 Indiana 91

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Leading positions: 1, Sheffield Sharks played 30, 52pts. 2, Doncaster Panthers 30, 46; 3, London Towers 30, 46; 4, Thames Valley Tigers 29, 46, 5, Manchester Giants 32, 44, 6, Leopards 32, 42

BOWLS

NOTTINGHAM: British indoor championships: Singles: Semi-finals: England (Tynewood Parr, M King) bt Ireland (Ballymoney, J Henry) 21-10; Wales (Swansea; J Price) bt Scotland (Midlothian, P Corrian) 21-16 Final: England bt Wales 21-20 Pairs: Semi-finals: Ireland (Belfast; M Beattie and S Espie) bt Wales (Ogwr; P Johnson and M Kent) 21-17; England (Cyphers, B Vickers and G Smith) bt Scotland (Prestwick, B Fulton and R McCullough) 24-11 Final: England bt Ireland 16-13 Triples: Final: Wales (Pembrokeshire, G Williams, P Howells and G Bradley and N Graham) 16-12 Fours: Final: England (Cyphers, M Selyer, T Heppell, G Smith and A Thomson) bt Ireland (Belfast; M Dunlop, P Davey, J McDowell and D Hamilton) 21-17. Junior singles: Semi-finals: Ireland (Belfast; J Ross) bt Scotland (Elgin, G Donaldson) 21-16 Wales (Ogwr; N Jones) bt England (Cumbria, S Airey) 21-9 Final: Wales bt Ireland 21-20.

CYCLING

TIRRENO TO ADRIATICO RACE: Seventh stage (Monte Urano to Torre San Patrizio, 170 kilometres; Italy unless stated): 1, S Zanin, 4hr 10min 43sec 2, A Baffi, 3, M Scandri (GB), 4, S Colage, 5, F Bontempi, 6, G Colombo; 7, D Konychev (Russ); 8, L Gelfi, 9, M Molinari 10, E Zanin all same time. Overall positions: 1, Colage 33.10.35 2, M Fondriest, at 22sec, 3, D Rebellin at 29

ETON FIVES

ALAN BARBOUR CUP: Final: Old Cholmeleians bt Old Edwardians 2-1

EFA TROPHY: Final: Old Salopians bt Cambridge University 3-0

LACROSSE

ABINGDON: National schools tournament: Benenden Cup (seniors) Final: St Helen and St Katharine 2 Wallingstow Hall 1 Len Smith Cup (juniors): Final: Cheltenham Ladies 1 Harrogate College 1

FOOTBALL

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Watford 1 Crystal Palace 0.

Late results on Monday

FA UMBRO TROPHY: Third round replay: Merthyr 0 Enfield 1 (Enfield home to Rushden and Diamonds in fourth round).

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Wolverhampton 0 Leeds 1 Second division: Mansfield 0 Newcastle 4, Barnsley 1 York 0; Leicester 3 Port Vale 3, Preston 2 Birmingham 1.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Portsmouth 1 Brighton 0, Southampton 1 Bristol Rovers 0 League Cup: Hereford 3 Cheltenham 0.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Worcester 1 Hastings 1.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Taunton 2 Mangotsfield 0. First division: Welton Rovers 1 Bridgwater Town 1.

DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Ruislip Manor 4 Barking 1.

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Emley 0 Accrington Stanley 0

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Clitheroe 1 Prescot 0.

SPRINGHEATH PRINT CAPITAL LEAGUE: Barnet 0 Welling 3, Crawley 1 Gillingham 2; Southend 2 Colchester 0.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE. O'Brien Butchers Challenge Trophy: Arlesey 1 Royston 0.

FA YOUTH CUP: Fifth round replay: Sheffield Utd 2 Wimbledon 3

FRENCH LEAGUE: First division: Le Havre 1 Strasbourg 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Pittsburgh 4 Montreal 2; Washington 3 Tampa Bay 0; Los Angeles 4 Toronto 1; Dallas 4 Chicago 2.

GOLF

SONY MEN'S WORLD RANKINGS: 1, N Price (Zim) 22.21pts; 2, G Norman (Aus) 19.57; 3, N Faldo (Eng) 18.19, 4, E Els (SA) 15.02, 5, B Langer (Ger) 14.64, 6, J M Olazabal (Sp) 14.51, 7, F Couples (US) 13.78, 8, C Montgomerie (Scot) 12.63

EUROPEAN TOUR ORDER OF MERIT: 1, F Couples (US) £175,000.00; 2, N Price (Zim) £89,903.33; 3, R Karlsson (Swe) £86,760.53; 4, A Cejka (Ger) £83,848.11; 5, M James (Eng) £71,866.83, 6, C Montgomerie (Scot) £68,000.00, 7, J Sandelin (Swe) £66,161.79, 8, E Els (SA) £56,458.70

EUROPEAN RYDER CUP POINTS: 1, S Ballesteros (Sp) 333.422.16pts, 2, B Langer (Ger) 204,406 67; 3, C Montgomerie (Scot) 199,395.00, 4, D Gilford (Eng) 184,298.68; 5, J M Olazabal (Sp) 159,863 87; 6, C Rocca (It) 149,926.93, 7, P-U Johansson (Swe) 149,611 66, 8, I Woosnam (Wales) 148,222.50, 9, S Torrance (Scot) 134,977.15

PING WOMEN'S WORLD RANKINGS: 1, L Davies (Eng) 326.15pts; 2, E Dansel (US) 218.18 3, L Neumann (Swe) 216 65; 4, E King (US) 184.00; 5, H Alfredson (Swe) 175 05, 6, D Andrews (US) 174 12; 7, P Sheehan (US) 158 67; 8, D Mochrie (US) 152.96; 30, P Johnson (Eng) 76.02; 53, L Fairclough (Eng) 44 50, 72, A Nicholas (Eng) 37 32; 78, H Wadsworth (Wales) 33.50, 83, D Reid (Scot) 30.65; 88, S Strudwick (Eng) 28 25, 95, L Hackney (Eng) 25 75

HOCKEY

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION CUP: Semi-final draw: Formby v Teddington: Guildford v Isca. Matches to be played on April 9.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Cancelled: Bridgend v Tondu.

NORDIC SKIING

THUNDER BAY, Ontario: World championships: Combined cross country: Men (10 kilometres classic plus 15 kilometres freestyle): 1, V Smirnov (Kazakhstan) 1hr 06min 19.5sec, 2, S Fauner (It) 1:06:29.7, 3, J Isometsae (Fin) 1 06 30.0. Women (5 kilometres classic plus 10 kilometres pursuit): 1, L Lazutina (Russ) 43min 19.6sec, 2, N Gavrylluk (Russ) 43.45.3, 3, O Danilova (Russ) 43:56.9.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Lacoste British amateur doubles championship: Semi-finals: W Boone and T Cockroft bt A Smith-Bingham and M Windows 18-13, 15-3, 15-8, 15-4; J Prenn and J Male bt M Hue Williams and J Spurling 15-5, 15-8, 10-15, 15-10, 11-15, 15-12.

WINCHESTER: Professional Rackets Association Gallery Cup: Final: R Wakely and J Lawson bt T Rees and J Fleming 15-11, 15-5, 18-17

REAL TENNIS

LORD'S: British Land amateur championship: Quarter-final: N Pendrigh bt C Rotherge 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

SNOOKER

BANGKOK: Thailand Open (England unless stated): Second round: P Ebdon bt K Doherty (Ire) 5-2; G Wilkinson bt A McManus (Scot) 5-4; R O'Sullivan bt S Hendry 5-2; D Morgan (Wales) bt N Bond 5-1; C Thorburn (Canada) bt S Davis 5-2; M Johnston-Allen bt D Roe 5-3; A Drago (Malta) bt J Parrott 5-1.

SQUASH

SUPER LEAGUE: Cannons Club 2 Rackets Club 1 (P Marshall bt P Johnson 4-9, 9-4, 9-4, 9-2; T Hands bt D Webb 9-4, 9-4, 8-10, 9-3; S Cowe lost to A Abou Taleb 10-8, 1-9, 7-9, 0-9); ICL Lion Herts 1 Ogmore Valley Dragons 2 (C Wagnick lost to N Cairns 9-10, 0-9, 10-8, 2-9, M Chaloner bt P Whitlock 9-5, 9-4, 9-1; J Wellings lost to C Van der Wath 5-9, 10-9, 0-9, 7-9); Welsh Back Wizards 2 Ellis Stockbrokers Lingfield 1 (D Harris bt R Eyles 9-3, 5-9, 1-9, 9-2, 9-4; J Nicolle lost to S Meads 9-10, 9-5, 0-9, 3-9; A Davies bt A Kirkland 9-7, 3-9, 9-5, 9-4), Walker Farrimond Manchester 1 Jim Hall Sports Northern 2 (P Gregory lost to D Ryan 2-9, 2-9, 9-1, 2-9; A Toss bt A Gough 9-5, 10-8, 9-5; P Kelly lost to G Davies 9-5, 2-9, 9-6, 5-9, 6-9). Final positions: 1, Cannons Club 37pts; 2, ICL Lion Herts 30; 3, Ogmore Valley Dragons 26; 4, Welsh Back Wizards 22; 5, Ellis Stockbrokers Lingfield 18, 6, Walker Farrimond Manchester 13

TENNIS

INDIAN WELLS, California: Association of Tennis Professionals Champions Cup: Final: P Sampras (US) bt A Agassi (US), 7-5, 6-3, 7-5

ASSOCIATION OF TENNIS PROFESSIONALS TOUR RANKINGS: 1, P Sampras (US) 4,780pts; 2, A Agassi (US) 4,310, 3, B Becker (Ger) 3,410; 4, M Chang (US) 2,697, 5, S Bruguera (Sp) 2,619; 6, G Ivanisevic (Cro) 2,500

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort		Weather (5pm) °C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Mayrhofen	0	85	good	heavy	closed	sun	-7	7/3
(Good skiing in all areas on well-prepared pistes)								
Obergurgl	50	140	good	varied	good	fine	-3	8/3
(Superb piste skiing in full sunshine)								
FRANCE								
Les Arcs	185	440	hard	crusty	fair	fine	-1	9/3
(Hard snow on piste with early morning icy patches)								
Isola	65	100	good	varied	good	sun	-1	13/3
(Good piste skiing in most areas; all but two lifts open)								
La Plagne	220	410	fair	varied	fair	fine	1	8/3
(Pistes hard-packed or icy, softening during the day)								
SWITZERLAND								
Arosa	90	160	good	varied	icy	fair	-5	8/3
(Generally good spring skiing; some icy patches)								
C Montana	190	420	icy	crusty	fair	fair	-4	9/3
(Pistes icy all day except for slopes in direct sunlight)								

Source Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

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LEGAL NOTICES

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
BCMB LEASING (PUTNEY) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH on the 22 of March 1995 at 10.35 am for the purposes, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Liquidation Committee. Any proxy to be used at the meeting must be lodged, at Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH not later than 12 noon on the business day prior to the meeting. A statement of claim must be lodged.
NOTICE IS ALSO give that, for the purpose of voting, secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given, and the value at which they estimate it.
A list of the names and addresses of the creditors of the above named company may be inspected at the offices of Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the meeting.
Dated: 10 March 1995
For and on behalf of
BCMB Corporate Director Limited
as a Director of BCMB Leasing (Putney) Limited
W Mantz
Corporate Director

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BCMB LEASING LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH on the 22 of March 1995 at 10.30 am for the purposes, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Liquidation Committee. Any proxy to be used at the meeting must be lodged, at Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH not later than 12 noon on the business day prior to the meeting. A statement of claim must be lodged.
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W Mantz
Corporate Director

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
BCMB LEASING (LONDON) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH on the 22 of March 1995 at 10.40 am for the purposes, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Liquidation Committee. Any proxy to be used at the meeting must be lodged, at Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH not later than 12 noon on the business day prior to the meeting. A statement of claim must be lodged.
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Dated: 10 March 1995
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as a Director of BCMB Leasing (London) Limited
W Mantz
Corporate Director

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
BCMB LEASING (HALSTEAD) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH on the 22 of March 1995 at 10.45 am for the purposes, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Liquidation Committee. Any proxy to be used at the meeting must be lodged, at Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH not later than 12 noon on the business day prior to the meeting. A statement of claim must be lodged.
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Dated: 10 March 1995
For and on behalf of
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as a Director of BCMB Leasing (Halstead) Limited
W Mantz
Corporate Director

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
BCMB LEASING (MAYFIELD) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH on the 22 of March 1995 at 10.50 am for the purposes, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Liquidation Committee. Any proxy to be used at the meeting must be lodged, at Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH not later than 12 noon on the business day prior to the meeting. A statement of claim must be lodged.
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Dated: 10 March 1995
For and on behalf of
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as a Director of BCMB Leasing (Mayfield) Limited
W Mantz
Corporate Director

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
WOOLGATE SECURITIES LIMITED DE MORGAN COMPANY LIMITED WOOLGATE PROPERTY FINANCE LIMITED THE RETAIL GROUP LIMITED DE MORGAN RETAIL LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The Meetings of the Creditors of the abovenamed Companies will be held at 1.45pm, 2.15pm, 2.45pm, 3.15 pm, and 3.45pm, respectively on 22 March 1995 at the Westbury Hotel, Conduit Street, London, W1A. for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list on the names and addresses of the Companies creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on Monday 20 March and Tuesday 21 March 1995. Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge a full statement of account and an informal proof of debt and unless attending in person, a proxy at Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF, no late than 12.00 noon on Tuesday 21 March 1995. Secured creditors must, unless they surrender their security, give particulars of their security and its assessed value if they wish to vote at the Meeting. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD A. de Morgan Director Date: 2/3/95

No. 1344 of 1995
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION
In the Matter of ASCOT HOLDINGS Plc
- and -
In the Matter of THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 3 March 1995 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the share capital of the above-named Company from £79,000,000.041 to £29,061,489.40 and the share premium account of the above-named Company from £221,971,896.17 to £34,971,896.17.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday 29 March 1995.
Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reductions of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for the purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 14 day of March 1995
Messrs Palmer & Co.,
Bouverie House,
154 Fleet Street,
London EC4A 2DQ
Solicitors of the above-named Company

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 RULE 4.106(1)
In The High Court of Justice
Chancery Division
Companies Court
The Printing & Communication Services Group plc
No 496 of 1995
Clear Image Limited
No 492 of 1995
Crest Colour Graphics Limited
No 491 of 1995
Falcatra Foto Limited
No 493 of 1995
London Central Print & Design Limited
No 494 of 1995
Spectrum Colour Print Limited
No 495 of 1995
WE HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that we, George Albert and Raymond Hocking, Licensed Insolvency Practitioners, of BDO Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London, W1M 1DA, were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named companies on 20 February 1995. All debts and claims should be sent to us at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to us. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated: 9 March 1995
R Hocking
Joint Liquidator

INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 RULE 4.106(1)
92 BAR & RESTAURANT LIMITED
IN CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ian Frances, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Ian Frances Associates, Conduit House, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP was appointed Liquidator of the above-named company on the 10th March 1995.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to Mr Ian Frances at Conduit House, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP.
I Frances - Liquidator

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Alderbrook a champion of rare talent

Richard Evans reports on an emotional first Festival triumph for trainer and jockey

IAN STEWART



Alderbrook, ridden by Williamson, surges up the Cheltenham hill to capture the Champion Hurdle on only his third run over timber

ALDERBROOK was being hailed last night as one of the most talented hurdlers for a generation after capturing the Smurfit Champion Hurdle in impressive style on only his third start over timber.

Just eight weeks after his owner, Ernie Pick, decided that the talented group winning Flat horse should be aimed at the hurdlers' crown, the six-year-old horse powered up the Cheltenham hill to beat Large Action by five lengths, with Danoli a further two lengths back in third.

Although Seneca won the Champion Hurdle in 1941 on his second start over timber, the war-time conditions meant it was a sub-standard affair and certainly well below the class of yesterday's sparkling renewal. Alderbrook joins Royal Gait (1992) and Doorknocker (1956) as the only post-war winners of the top hurdling prize during their novice season.

Alderbrook's 11-2 victory unlocked the emotional floodgates for Norman Williamson, his jockey, and Kim Bailey, the Upper Lambourn trainer, who were both enjoying their first taste of success at the Cheltenham Festival. While Williamson punched the air twice as he passed the winning line, Bailey was in floods of tears as the impact of the horse's achievement sunk in.

"I don't think we will ever put this into perspective. It is an unbelievable performance. The chances of a horse getting himself fit in eight weeks, learning to jump and going and winning the Champion Hurdle is just unreal. You don't find horses at any stage of their career that do that. You have to take your hat off to the horse. It was quite remarkable," Bailey said. "The owner came back from holiday, rang me up and said he'd come and see me and, over a cup of coffee, he said: 'I might send you Alderbrook to win the Champion Hurdle' — it was just out of the blue. I gave him one out of ten for trying. I didn't think we had an earthly chance. I thought it was asking the impossible."

Alderbrook, bought as a three-year-old by Pick, had been enjoying a well-deserved rest in Newmarket after a highly successful Flat campaign last summer which ended with him being trained by Julie Cecil to win the group two Prix Dollar at Longchamp during the Arc weekend.

Pick, a Huddersfield businessman, explained: "I was away on holiday in Thailand and what really made my mind up was Danoli running and being beaten while he was coughing. I had been sure he would win the Champion Hurdle, but I realised he might have blown it and I thought we would have a chance, so I sent him to Kim and the rest is history."

Bailey added: "In the race he was always cantering. The fear I had was that he was going to make a terrible mistake at the second or third last. When he got a clear passage at the last I am afraid I closed my eyes."

Alderbrook will return to Mrs Cecil's Newmarket yard at the end of the week to be prepared for a Flat campaign, with the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes as a possible target if the ground is suitably soft. All being well, he will return to Bailey to be prepared for a defence of his hurdling crown next spring.

Danoli's chance of victory ended with a bad mistake at the third-last flight and his trainer, Tom Foley, said: "He was lucky he stood up with that bad mistake. He struck his knee on the hurdle."

The Irish maintained their excellent record in the opening Citroen Supreme Novices' Hurdle when Tourist Attraction defied his odds of 25-1 to pip the much more fanciled Ventana Canyon. Trained by Willie Mullins, whose father, Paddy, trained the mighty Dawn Run, the six-year-old is leased by a 16-strong syndicate from the North Kildare Rugby Club.

BIG-RACE RESULT

Going: soft (good to soft in places)
3.30 SMURFIT CHAMPION HURDLE CHALLENGE TROPHY
(Grade I: £103,690: 2m 110yd)
ALDERBROOK b h Ardross — Twine (E Pick) 6-12-0 N Williamson (11-2) 1.
Large Action b g The Parson — Ballyadam Lass (B Stewart-Brown) 7-12-0 J Osborne (4-1 jt-fav) 2.
Danoli b g The Parson — Blaze Gold (D O'Neill) 7-12-0 C Swan (4-1 jt-fav) 3.
ALSO RAN: 5 Fortune And Fame (4th), 15-2 Mysilv (5th), 10 Montelado (9th), 14 Atours (7th), 16 Mole Board (8th0, 25 Land Afar (f), 33 Absalom's Lady (6th), Destriero (11th), 50 Bold Boss (pu), 66 Jazilah (10th), 100 Granville Again (12th). 14 ran. 5l, 2l, hd, 2½l, 7l. K Bailey at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £6.50; £2.60, £2.10, £2.40. DF: £11.60. Trio: £17.40. CSF: £25.61

Bell Staffboy to chime in with Coral Cup win

FESTIVAL GUIDE

2.15: After the rampaging start by the Irish yesterday, including the good run by Ventana Canyon, **Treble Bob** will be a warm order here. Dermot Weld rates his novice highly and he should be suited by the step up in distance. Berude Not To has not stopped improving and is a big threat, along with Putty Road.

2.50: The defeats suffered by **Viking Flagship** and the absence of his regular rider, Adrian Maguire, could make David Nicholson's chaser a value bet in a race where there are doubts about most of the runners. He was far from disgraced in atrocious ground at Kempton last time when just failing to give a stone to Thumbs Up and previously appeared to have the measure of Nakir when falling at Newbury. Nakir, last year's Arkle winner, is a live threat but has yet to match the form of the selection.

The well-backed Egypt Mill Prince would almost certainly appreciate better ground as would Travado and Snitton Lane. Deep Sensation has his own ideas about the game and Josh Gifford's other runner, Bradbury Star, is a a far more interesting proposition. Eight times a winner at Cheltenham, he should not be inconvenienced by a drop back to the minimum trip and is a sound each-way alternative.

3.30: The head waiter at the Savoy receives fewer tips than there are for fancied horses in this highly competitive handicap. Lemon's Mill heads the list after trotting up under top weight on her seasonal debut at Haydock last month, and is highly regarded by the Martin Pipe yard. Collier Bay will be backed to follow up his Imperial Cup success at Sandown last Saturday while Chief Minister has excellent form and time performances, although the ground is a slight worry for the Scottish raider.

However, I have dug out a dark horse who can run a big race at long odds. **Bell Staffboy**, trained by Chris Broad, boasted useful form last season and on his first proper race this term (fell first time out), at Doncaster 11 days ago, he did particularly well over an inadequate trip. Unusually, he ran up with the pace and kept tabs on two confirmed front runners for a long way before staying on into third place. Proven on all going and usually held up for a turn of foot, today's trip will suit.

4.05: The four to concentrate on are Harcon, Sweet Duke, Brief Gale and Banjo. Despite the confidence of the Pipe yard, I believe the blinkered Banjo is worth opposing. This is not the best course for front runners and the five-year-old is likely to be harried by Sweet Duke and is not certain to get round. Sweet Duke is a grand little fellow but may be found wanting in this class.

Provided the ground is genuinely soft, **Harcon** must be the bet. Jim Dreaper's sound jumping galloper impressed me enormously on the two occasions I saw him win. The each-way value in the race is undoubtedly Brief Gale. Third behind Danoli in the Sun Alliance Novice Hurdle last year, she looks sure to step up on her recent Kempton win over this trip.

4.40: Lacken Cross, trained by Aidan O'Brien, will take all the beating in a race where the Irish are particularly well represented. The Callernish gelding showed improved form to win a novice chase at Naas before finishing second to Flashing Steel in a handicap. He will stay all day and loves soft ground. Back Bar and Wellane Boy are also fancied.



O'Neill: in form

5.15: Amtrak Express was travelling particularly well when brought down by One Man at Kempton and this looks the right trip for Nicky Henderson's bold jumper. Kadi may not relish a fight up the hill and I have had a strong word for **Beachy Head**. Jonjo O'Neill sent out two winners at Ayr on Saturday and has never had his grey in better condition.

5.50: The best news concerns the Dermot Weld-trained Supervene. Red Blazer, trained by Henrietta Knight, and the big hope of the north, Dato Star, who Malcolm Jefferson believes is the best horse he has trained. J. P. McManus recently paid a serious sum for **Supervene** and he is marginally preferred.

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CHELTENHAM

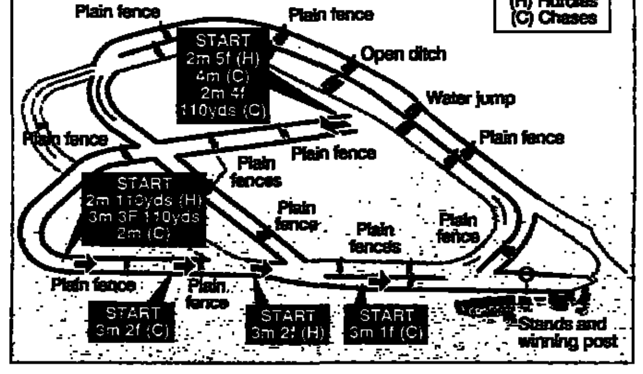
THUNDERER

2.15 Putty Road
2.50 Nakir
3.30 CHIEF MINISTER (nap)
4.05 Banjo
4.40 Front Line
5.15 Kadi
5.50 Supervene

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.05 BANJO.

GOING: SOFT, GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES SIS

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GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell, P — pulled up, U — unseated rider, B — brought down, S — slipped up, R — refused, D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers, V — visor, H — hood, E — Eyeshield, C — course winner, D — distance winner, CD — course and distance winner, BF — beaten favourite in latest race) Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard, G — good, S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.15 SUN ALLIANCE NOVICES HURDLE C4

(Grade I: £41,824: 2m 5f) (22 runners)

101	43235-1	ARCHER 14 (S) (P Green) N Walker 7-11-7	B Powell	60
102	11-1111	BERUDE NOT TO 74 (C,D,F,G,S) (G Addiscott) O Sherwood 6-11-7	J Osborne	90
103	221131	CALL MY GUEST 14 (G,S) (Bezwell Fixings Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-7	M Dwyer	89
104	1-4F3U0	CHARMER'S WELL 26 (S) (M Kerr-Dineen, M Dalman) G Balding 7-11-7	G McCourt	50
105	62232-5	EALING COURT 13 (G) (R Brookhouse) H Oliver 6-11-7	V Slattery	75
106	451214	ENCORE UN PEU 60 (BF,G,S) (V Nally) M Pipe 8-11-7	R Dunwoody	84
107	211P	GIVUS A CALL 53 (BF,S) (T Benfield, W Brown) J Gifford 5-11-7	E Murphy	68
108	313P41	GO BALLISTIC 11 (G,S) (Mrs B Lockhart) J O'Shea 6-11-7	M A Fitzgerald	70
109	11125	GREEN LANE 79 (F,G) (J Joseph) R Akehurst 7-11-7	C Llewellyn	78
110	56-3851	JIBBER THE KIBBER 34 (S) (J Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-7	W Marston	68
111	235-41	KILLONE ABBOT 26 (S) (Lady Lloyd Webber) J Old 5-11-7	G Bradley	77
112	323212	MAJOR RUMPUS 39 (G,S) (F Conroy) A Moore (Ire) 7-11-7	F Woods	85
113	P0-1212	MY ROSSINI 25 (BF,G,S) (Mrs C Eaton) P Bevan 6-11-7	T Wall	80
114	3440-12	OATS N BARLEY 48 (G) (F Loxdrigan) P Rodford 5-11-7	S Burrough	58
115	1-11411	PUTTY ROAD 22 (G,S) (Lady Harris) D Nicholson 5-11-7	N Williamson	96
116	0-113	ROBERTY LEA 34 (BF,G,S) (Wensleydale Const Ltd) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-7	P Niven	89
117	21-2221	SPARKY GAYLE 46 (G,S) (R Green) C Parker 5-11-7	A Dobbin	79
118	11	TREBLE BOB 24 (G,S) (Dr M Smurfit) D Weld (Ire) 5-11-7	B Sheridan	91
119	311114	TRICKLE LAD 38 (D,F,G,S) (Trickle Syndicate) A O'Brien (Ire) 6-11-7	C Swan	97
120	6-11341	TOURIST ATTRACTION 1 (G,S) (N Kildare Racing) W Mullins (Ire) 6-11-2	P Carberry	89
121	F31	CADOUGOLD 9 (S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 4-10-12	J Lower	82
122	1	TERVEL 18 (G) (P Cunningham) J Pearce 4-10-12	J McLaughlin	83

BETTING: 7-4 Treble Bob, 4-1 Berude Not To, 5-1 Putty Road, 10-1 Trickle Lad, 14-1 Call My Guest, 16-1 Killone Abbot, 20-1 Roberty Lea, 25-1 Cadougold, Encore Un Peu, Go Ballistic, Jibber The Kibber, Major Rumpus, 33-1 Green Lane, Sparky Gayle, 50-1 others.

1994: DANOLI 6-11-7 C Swan (7-4 fav) T Foley (Ire) 23 ran

FORM FOCUS

BERUDE NOT TO beat Garrylough 5l in 8-runner grade I Challow Novices' Hurdle at Newbury (2m 5f, heavy). CALL MY GUEST beat Young Ty 10l in 7-runner handicap hurdle at Wetherby (2m 4f 110yd, soft). GO BALLISTIC beat Fixturessecretary 9l in 18-runner novice hurdle at Doncaster (2m 4f, good). GREEN LANE 3l 2nd of 13 to Simple Arithmetic in novice hurdle here (2m 1f, good to soft). KILLONE ABBOT beat Florens Flutter 7l in 12-runner novice hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, heavy) with GO BALLISTIC (4lb better off) 4¼l 4th and CHARMER'S WELL 28l 7th. MAJOR RUMPUS ½l 2nd of 6 to Royal Mountbrowne in novice hurdle at Fairyhouse (2m 4f, heavy). MY ROSSINI head 2nd of 6 to St Mellion Fairway in grade II Persian War Novices' Hurdle at Chepstow (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). PUTTY ROAD beat Prime Of Life 30l in 5-runner novice hurdle at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, soft). SPARKY GAYLE beat Forbidden Time 20l in 17-runner novice hurdle at Ayr (2m 4f, soft). TREBLE BOB beat Hotel Minella 2½l in 7-runner grade III Chapmans INH Novices' Hurdle Final at Punchestown (2m, heavy) with TOURIST ATTRACTION (7lb better off) about 15l 4th. TRICKLE LAD beat Royal Mountbrowne neck in 9-runner novice hurdle at Navan (2m 4f, soft to heavy) on penultimate start. TOURIST ATTRACTION 7½l 3rd of 9 to Hotel Minella in grade I Deloitte & Touche Novices' Hurdle at Leopardstown (2m 2f, soft to heavy) on penultimate start, with TRICKLE LAD (3lb better off) 3¼l 4th. TOURIST ATTRACTION beat Ventana Canyon 2l in 20-runner Citroen Supreme Novices' Hurdle here (2m 110yd, soft) yesterday. CADOUGOLD beat Kalasadi 6l in 9-runner novice hurdle at Windsor (2m 4f, heavy). TERVEL beat Know-No-No 20l in 10-runner maiden hurdle at Edinburgh (2m, good).
Selection: BERUDE NOT TO (nap)

2.50 QUEEN MOTHER CHAMPION CHASE C4

(Grade I: £77,848: 2m) (10 runners)

201	45-2152	BRADBURY STAR 62 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) (J Campbell) J Gifford 10-12-0	P Hide	89
202	123F64	DEEP SENSATION 35 (CD,F,G,S) (R Eliot) J Gifford 10-12-0	N Williamson	85
203	F-13332	EGYPT MILL PRINCE 60 (B,CD,F,G,S) (S Webb) Mrs J Pitman 9-12-0	W Marston	79
204	51-163U	KATABATIC 48 (CD,F,G,S) (Pell-mell Partners) J Gifford 12-12-0	S McNeill	98
205	11-5121	NAKIR 32 (CD,G,S) (J Lewis) S Christian 7-12-0	J Osborne	86
206	F22-12F	TRAVADO 79 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs M Ennever) N Henderson 9-12-0	R Dunwoody	86
207	14441U	UNCLE ERNIE 14 (D,G,S) (Lady Lloyd Webber) Jimmy Fitzgerald 10-12-0	M Dwyer	78
208	2-115F2	VIKING FLAGSHIP 78 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Roach Foods Ltd) D Nicholson 8-12-0	C Swan	94
209	135424-	WILD ATLANTIC 314 (D,F,G) (E Foley) Miss Z Green 12-12-0	K Jones	50
210	42-F222	SNITTON LANE 32 (CD,F,G,S) (H White) W Clay 9-11-9	D Bridgwater	85

BETTING: 2-1 Viking Flagship, 11-4 Nakir, 7-2 Travado, 8-1 Bradbury Star, Egypt Mill Prince, 14-1 Deep Sensation, 33-1 Katabatic, Snitton Lane, Uncle Ernie, 1000-1 Wild Atlantic.

1994: VIKING FLAGSHIP 7-12-0 A Maguire (4-1) D Nicholson 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRADBURY STAR best effort this term beat Second Schedual head in grade II Mackeson Gold Cup Handicap Chase here (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft) with EGYPT MILL PRINCE (22lb worse off) 15l 3rd. DEEP SENSATION 21l 4th of 8 to Martha's Son in grade I Comet Chase at Ascot (2m 3f 110yd, soft). EGYPT MILL PRINCE 2½l 2nd of 8 to Martha's Son in grade II Victor Chandler Handicap Chase at Ascot (2m, good) with UNCLE ERNIE (6lb better off) 18l 4th, VIKING FLAGSHIP (24lb better off) 7l 5th and DEEP SENSATION (17lb better off) neck 6th. KATABATIC best effort this term 11l 6th of 11 to Dublin Flyer in grade III Tripleprint Gold Cup Handicap Chase here (2m 5f, good to soft). NAKIR beat SNITTON LANE (7lb worse off) 30l in 3-runner grade II Mitsubishi Chase at Newbury (2m 1f, heavy) with VIKING FLAGSHIP slight lead when fell 4 out. UNCLE ERNIE beat Cyphrate 1¼l in 5-runner handicap chase at Sandown (2m, soft) on penultimate start. VIKING FLAGSHIP 1l 2nd of 4 to Thumbs Up in conditions chase at Kempton (2m, heavy). Earlier beat TRAVADO 3½l in 6-runner grade I Mitsubishi Tingle Creek Chase at Sandown (2m, good) with DEEP SENSATION 2l 3rd and NAKIR 6l 5th.
Selection: BRADBURY STAR

3.30 CORAL CUP C4

(Handicap hurdle: £39,822: 2m 5f) (30 runners)

301	132-282	TIME FOR A RUN 24 (CD,G,S) (J McManus) E O'Grady (Ire) 8-11-10	C Swan	94
302	00622-1	LEMON'S MILL 18 (F,G,S) (S Mercer) M Pipe 6-11-8	R Dunwoody	90
303	02-3452	OLYMPIAN 39 (B,CD,F,G) (M & N Plant Ltd) R Simpson 8-11-2	D Gallagher	91
304	226122	TOP SPIN 18 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs E Long) J Jenkins 6-11-0	A Dobbin	93
305	23-3642	SHUJAN 25 (G,S) (Sir Eric Parker) R Akehurst 6-10-12	D Bridgwater	88
306	R24/30-0	GIVENTIME 39 (S) (L Kraber) A Turnell 7-10-11	L Harvey	87
307	11-1231	CHIEF MINISTER 25 (F,S) (G Steel) T Dyer 6-10-11	Peter Hobbs	95
308	2611-13	BARNA BOY 33 (BF,G,S) (L Wilson) N Henderson 7-10-10	M A Fitzgerald	85
309	3-00225	DERRYMOYLE 17 (D,F,G,S) (H Stanley) M Cunningham (Ire) 6-10-10	M Dwyer	93
310	F22-F64	FISSURE SEAL 24 (C,F,G,S) (Delton Synd) H de Bromhead (Ire) 9-10-10	P Carberry	86
311	2-13110	MYSTIC MEMORY 25 (F,G) (Carnoustie Racing Ltd) Mrs M Reveley 6-10-8	P Niven	86
312	FP8502	DOMINANT SERENADE 11 (C,G,S) (M Briton Racing) M Hammond 6-10-6	G McCourt	89
313	1122-F3	BELL STAFFBOY 11 (F,G) (K Bell & Son Ltd) C Broad 6-10-6	W Marston	81
314	411-441	COLLIER BAY 4 (S) (W Stott) J Old 5-10-6 (7ex)	T Grantham	89
315	101353	SOLBA 46 (D,G,S) (Three Counties Syndicate) A Leahy (Ire) 6-10-5	B Fenton (7)	89
316	1-25400	GOSPEL 11 (C,F,S) (Mrs J Powell) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-2	C Llewellyn	85
317	2U120-5	SO PROUD 116 (F,S) (S Tindall) S Mellor 10-10-1	M Perrett	93
318	F4-1123	SECOND CALL 33 (BF,F,S) (M Ward-Thomas) T Forster 6-10-1	R Farrant	91
319	221311	MANHATTAN CASTLE 38 (S) (P Fitzpatrick) A Moore (Ire) 6-10-1	F Woods	97
320	23/11-01	FIRED EARTH 19 (V,CD,F,S) (Mrs J Fanshawe) J Fanshawe 7-10-0	J Osborne	91
321	324353	COUTURE STOCKINGS 11 (D,F,G,S) (Couture Ltd) J Mackie 11-10-0	N Williamson	87
322	1234-03	CHANCE COFFEY 24 (S) (P O'Donnell) P O'Donnell (Ire) 10-10-0	G M O'Neill	87
323	0/35/00-	THE ILLIAD 431 (G,S) (N Furlong) N Furlong (Ire) 14-10-0	C O'Dwyer	–
324	212-114	REDEEMYOURSELF 53 (S) (Mrs T Brown) J Gifford 6-10-0	P Hide	88
325	023040	HIS WAY 25 (B,F,G,S) (D Tindale) J Johnson 6-10-0	F Leahy (5)	80
326	211250	TOTAL CONFUSION 17 (S) (Mrs A Stevenson) E Lyons (Ire) 8-10-0	T Mitchell (3)	84
327	F11246	NOTABLE EXCEPTION 25 (D,F,G,S) (Andrews & Co) Mrs M Reveley 6-10-0	G Lee (5)	82
328	223523	HIGH GRADE 22 (G,S) (Under Orders Racing III) Miss S Wilton 7-10-0	T Eley (3)	83
329	P2U102	NATIVE WORTH 25 (G,S) (Mrs M Barker) J Jefferson 5-10-0	L Wyer	89
330	3-43323	COURT MASTER 18 (Sir Fitzroy Talbot) R Buckler 7-10-0	B Powell	82

Long handicap: Couture Stockings 9-13, Chance Coffey 9-12, The Illiad 9-12, Redeemyourself 9-11, His Way 9-8, Total Confusion 9-8, Notable Exception 9-9, High Grade 9-8, Native Worth 9-8, Court Master 9-5.

BETTING: 7-1 Collier Bay, 10-1 Chance Coffey, Lemon's Mill, Manhattan Castle, 12-1 Derrymoyle, Time For A Run, 14-1 Barna Boy, 16-1 Chief Minister, Fired Earth, Solba, 20-1 Shujan, The Illiad, 25-1 others.

1994: TIME FOR A RUN 7-11-8 C Swan (11-1) E O'Grady (Ire) 30 ran

FORM FOCUS

TIME FOR A RUN 5l 2nd of 5 to Doran's Pride in the grade II Boyne EBF Hurdle at Punchestown (3m, heavy) with CHANCE COFFEY (24lb better off) 5l 3rd and FISSURE SEAL (14lb better off) 5l 4th. LEMON'S MILL beat With Impunity 8l in handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m 4f, heavy) with COURT MASTER (1lb worse off) beat 3rd. OLYMPIAN 10l 2nd of 12 to Miracle Man in grade III Sandown Handicap Hurdle at Sandown (2m 6f, heavy) with DOMINANT SERENADE (6lb better off) 69l 9th. TOP SPIN 15l 2nd of 5 to Cyborgo in grade II handicap hurdle at Kempton (3m 110yd, heavy). Earlier beat SHUJAN 10l in limited handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). CHIEF MINISTER beat NATIVE WORTH (3lb worse off) 3½l in 19-runner handicap hurdle at Newcastle (2m 4f, good to soft) with NOTABLE EXCEPTION (1lb better off) 13½l 6th, MYSTIC MEMORY (6lb better off) 8l 8th and HIS WAY (4lb better off) 21l 14th. DERRYMOYLE 5½l 5th of 15 to Creative Blaze in handicap hurdle at Fairyhouse (2m 4f, soft) with TOTAL CONFUSION (8lb worse off) 5½l 7th. BELL STAFFBOY 14l 3rd of 12 to dead-heating Brambleberry and Mr Confusion in handicap hurdle at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good). COLLIER BAY beat Star Player 11l in handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, soft). SECOND CALL 11¼l 3rd to Star Player in handicap hurdle at Newbury (2m 5f, heavy). MANHATTAN CASTLE beat Kharasar 2½l in handicap hurdle at Leopardstown (2m, soft to heavy) with TOTAL CONFUSION (6lb worse off) 7l 5th. FIRED EARTH beat Jadidh 1l in handicap hurdle at Kempton (2m 5f, heavy). REDEEMYOURSELF beat Challenger Row 9l in handicap hurdle at Plumpton (2m 1f, soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: DOMINANT SERENADE

4.05 SUN ALLIANCE CHASE C4

(Grade I: £49,163: 3m 1f) (14 runners)

401	P1221P	BENJAMIN LANCASTER 14 (G,S) (M Griffin) M Griffin 11-11-4	D Gallagher	50
402	211332	COKENNY BOY 22 (CD,F,G,S) (S Hamstock) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-4	W Marston	50
403	4F4-132	COUNTORUS 18 (G,S) (M Thompson) J Johnson 9-11-4	N Williamson	50
404	1F1121	GREENHIL TARE AWAY 22 (F,G,S) (Mrs P Payne) P Hobbs 7-11-4	Peter Hobbs	52
405	1F-1111	HARCON 24 (S) (Mrs P Conway) J Dreaper (Ire) 7-11-4	K O'Brien	94
406	20-112U	MAD THYME 32 (BF,G,S) (R Jenks) N Gaselee 8-11-4	M A Fitzgerald	52
407	6/1F1P1	MONTEBEL 9 (F,G,S) (M Arnold) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-4	D Bridgwater	52
408	251F12	PETOSKU 25 (G,S) (F Mills) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-4	T Jenks	50
409	5-11133	SCOTTON BANKS 22 (BF,G,S) (I Bray) M H Easterby 6-11-4	L Wyer	53
410	41212U	SMITH'S BAND 19 (C,G,S) (A Smith) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-4	G Bradley	57
411	513111	SWEET DUKE 18 (G,S) (A Marrou) N Twiston-Davies 8-11-4	C Llewellyn	82
412	3-14215	UNGUIDED MISSILE 25 (G) (D Harrison) G Richards 7-11-4	A Dobbin	59
413	135-231	BRIEF GALE 18 (G,S) (Miss C Zetter) J Gifford 8-10-13	P Hide	66
414	211111	BANJO 38 (B,S) (D Mercer) M Pipe 5-10-8	R Dunwoody	89

BETTING: 13-8 Harcon, 9-4 Banjo, 9-2 Sweet Duke, 7-1 Brief Gale, 20-1 Montebel, Greenhil Tare Away, 33-1 Petosku, Scotton Banks, Smiths Band, 50-1 Cokenny Boy, Mad Thyme, Unguided Missile, 100-1 others.

1994: MONSIEUR LE CURE 8-11-4 P Niven (15-2) J Edwards 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

GREENHIL TARE AWAY beat COKENNY BOY 1½l in 6-runner novice chase at Warwick (3m 2f, soft) with SCOTTON BANKS 25l 3rd. HARCON beat Sound Man 12l in grade III IAWS Novice Chase at Punchestown (3m, heavy). MAD THYME best effort this season, beat Maamur 8l in 11-runner novice chase at Uttoxeter (2m 7f, soft). MONTEBEL beat Fair Crossing 15l in 6-runner novice chase at Doncaster (3m, good). PETOSKU beat Mr Sunbeam 4l in 6-runner novice chase at Newbury (3m, heavy) on penultimate start. MAD THYME in touch when blundered and unseated rider 14th. SWEET DUKE beat SMITH'S BAND distance in 10-runner grade II Reynoldstown Chase at Ascot (3m 110yd, soft) on penultimate start. UNGUIDED MISSILE beat Sparrow Hall 13l in 5-runner novice chase at Wetherby (3m 110yd, good) on penultimate start. BRIEF GALE beat Kadi ¾l in 7-runner grade II Pendil Novices Chase at Kempton (2m 4f 110yd, heavy); MONTEBEL led when fell 7th. BANJO beat High Baron distance in 6-runner grade I Scilly Isles Novice Chase at Sandown (2m 4f 110yd, soft); PETOSKU 5th and weakening when fell 5th.
Selection: BANJO

4.40 125TH YEAR OF THE NATIONAL HUNT CHASE CHALLENGE CUP

(Amateurs: £17,662: 4m) (26 runners)

501	411RUP	BUCKSHOT 20 (C,G,S) (B Wootton) J Gifford 7-12-7	D Breen	77
502	213431	FRONT LINE 15 (B,S) (J McManus) J J O'Neill 8-12-7	J Berry	93
503	U13P51	ROMANY CREEK 15 (V,G,S) (Duke of Atholl) G Balding 6-12-7	T Lombard	80
504	P3232-1	EXTRA SPECIAL 19 (G,S) (R Ogden) G Richards 10-12-4	A Ogden	79
505	5-144F2	FREDDY OWEN 13 (S) (R Owen) J White 9-12-4	R Lawther	78
506	0F3012	LACKEN CROSS 17 (S) (J Howlett) A O'Brien (Ire) 7-12-4	H Cleary	96
507	66-3215	MR INVADER 27 (S) (M Boddington) N Gaselee 8-12-4	M Armytage	78
508	3-3661	SERGEANT MULLARKEY 10 (S) (R MacSharry) E O'Grady (Ire) 7-12-4	P Fenton	88
509	F631P6	SIMON JOSEPH 14 (S) (Mrs G McFerran) T George 8-12-4	P Griffin	77
510	56P-01	TIME ENOUGH 6 (S) (Uplands Bloodstock) C Brooks 6-12-4	E James	76
511	PP5	ALY DALEY 96 (M Tobitt) J Johnson 7-12-0	C Bonner	60
512	0/F54-23	BACK BAR 59 (P McCarthy) A Moore (Ire) 7-12-0	A Martin	95
513	86-13F2	BANNTOWN BILL 14 (G,S) (E Scarth) M Pipe 6-12-0	D Pipe	86
514	U-P5P	CONNIE FOLEY 9 (Mrs P Townsley) Mrs P Townsley 9-12-0	P Townsley	–
515	542434	CORYMANDEL 24 (M Thornhill) H de Bromhead (Ire) 6-12-0	J Durkan	75
516	4P3/0F	DAVID JOHN 48 (Mrs D Bennington) S Christian 8-12-0	M Rimell	54
517	55-P234	DESERT RUN 106 (J Keighley) P Nicholls 7-12-0	Miss P Curling	72
518	35U443	DI MODA 13 (V) (C Marks (Banbury)) J Bosley 8-12-0	J Rees	63
519	0-51542	KEANO 27 (S) (Midavon Pinns) P Hobbs 6-12-0	S Mulcaire	85
520	332U24	PICKETSTONE 76 (J Webber) J Webber 8-12-0	P Scott	82
521	5-06523	THE BOOLYA 70 (Mrs J Hannan) Ms R Rooney (Ire) 7-12-0	Miss Lucy Townsley	79
522	/POPP2	URQUARAT 14 (B,F) (D Williams) D Williams 9-12-0	M Traunig	61
523	500/6-	WELLANE BOY 550 (J McCarthy) M Hourigan (Ire) 7-12-0	T Murphy	–
524	11/4P	FRIENDLY LADY 19 (F,G,S) (J Cann) J Cann 11-11-13	N Bush	–
525	2P/530U	FOXGROVE 67 (F,G) (Mrs C Middleton) T Forster 9-11-9	R White	–
526	000/002	STORMY SKIES 17 (Mrs S McCarthy) P Mullins (Ire) 8-11-9	B Hamilton	89

BETTING: 6-1 Lacken Cross, 8-1 Front Line, Extra Special, Sergeant Mullarkey, Stormy Skies, 10-1 Back Bar, 12-1 Banntown Bill, 14-1 Keano, Time Enough, 16-1 Picketstone, 20-1 others.

1994: CHRISTMAS GORSE 8-12-4 M Armytage (14-1) N Gaselee 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

FRONT LINE beat Road To Fame 3½l in 8-runner novice chase at Nottingham (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft). ROMANY CREEK beat Leaguane 13l in 21-runner handicap chase at Nottingham (3m 3f 110yd, good to soft).
EXTRA SPECIAL, 2nd in this race last year, beat Vague Influence 8l in 7-runner hunter chase at Haydock (3m, heavy). FREDDY OWEN neck 2nd of 10 to Lastoftheviking in handicap chase at Leicester (3m, heavy). LACKEN CROSS 5l 2nd of 4 to Flashing Steel in extended handicap chase at Fairyhouse (3m 1f, soft).
SERGEANT MULLARKEY beat String Dilemma 4½l in 10-runner novice chase at Leopardstown (2m 5f, heavy). BACK BAR ¾l 2nd of 7 to Captain Brandy in extended handicap chase at Leopardstown (3m, heavy) on penultimate start. BANNTOWN BILL ½l 2nd of 13 to Steeple Jack in novice chase at Taunton (3m, soft) with SIMON JOSEPH (1lb better off) distant 6th. KEANO neck 2nd of 9 to Allo George in novice handicap chase at Sandown (3m 110yd, heavy) with MR INVADER (4lb better off) 40l 5th.
Selection: EXTRA SPECIAL

5.15 45th YEAR OF THE MILDMAY OF FLETE CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE

(£25,928: 2m 4f 110yd) (12 runners)

601	6-03236	SECOND SCHEDUAL 38 (C,F,G,S) (H McMahon) Miss A McMahon (Ire) 10-11-10	–	97
602	212-11U	DUBLIN FLYER 62 (C,D,G,S) (J Sumner) T Forster 9-11-3	B Powell	91
603	42-3312	GENERAL PERSHING 67 (D,BF,F,G,S) (J Potter) G Richards 9-11-0	A Dobbin	89
604	3-11138	AMTRAK EXPRESS 18 (D,F,G,S) (Amtrak Ltd) N Henderson 8-10-13	M A Fitzgerald	89
605	6-41213	GARRISON SAVANNAH 20 (B,C,D,G,S) (Autofour) Mrs J Pitman 12-10-12	W Marston	98
606	332112	KADI 18 (D,BF,G,S) (J Brown) D Nicholson 6-10-4	N Williamson	90
607	111-130	ERRANT KNIGHT 123 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs N Bird) M Pipe 11-10-2	R Dunwoody	94
608	1F5-13U	BEACHY HEAD 46 (D,BF,G,S) (M Tabor) J J O'Neill 7-10-2	M Dwyer	96
609	11-2121	EASY BUCK 22 (D,F,G,S) (C Buckle & Co) N Gaselee 8-10-0	C Maude	95
610	1F31U4	WELL BRIEFED 46 (C,D,F,S) (P Jones) R Buckler 8-10-0	Mr C Bonner (5)	89
611	PP-3401	ONE MORE DREAM 11 (F,G) (M Jackson) Mrs S Smith 8-10-0 (6ex)	Richard Guest	88
612	032-121	LOSHIAN 39 (F,G,S) (Mrs A Foxe) A O'Brien (Ire) 6-10-0	C Swan	79

Long handicap: Well Briefed 9-5, One More Dream 9-4, Loshian 9-0.

BETTING: 4-1 Dublin Flyer, 6-1 Amtrak Express, Beachy Head, 7-1 Easy Buck, Kadi, 10-1 Second Schedual, Well Briefed, 12-1 General Pershing, 16-1 Errant Knight, Loshian, One More Dream, 20-1 Garrison Savannah.

1994: ELFAST 11-11-4 G McCourt (8-1) J Webber 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

SECOND SCHEDUAL 2½l and head 3rd of 9 to Algan in grade I King George VI Chase at Kempton (3m, soft) on penultimate start. DUBLIN FLYER beat Nuaffe short-head in grade III Tripleprint Gold Cup Handicap Chase here (2m 5f, good to soft) on penultimate start. GENERAL PERSHING 20l 2nd of 3 to Minnehoma in grade II Newton Limited Handicap Chase at Haydock (2m 4f, soft). AMTRAK EXPRESS 10l 3rd of 6 to Martha's Son in grade I Comet Chase at Ascot (2m 3f 110yd, soft) on penultimate start. GARRISON SAVANNAH beat Young Hustler 2l in conditions chase at Wincanton (2m 5f, soft) on penultimate start. KADI ¾l 2nd of 7 to Brief Gale in grade II Pendil Novices Chase at Kempton (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). BEACHY HEAD best effort this season, beat Strong Sound 7l in handicap chase at Wetherby (2m 4f 110yd, good). EASY BUCK beat Gay Ruffian 2½l in handicap chase at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, soft).
Selection: AMTRAK EXPRESS

5.50 PRESTIGE MEDICAL FESTIVAL BUMPER

(National Hunt flat race: grade I: £15,844: 2m 110yd) (21 runners)

1	304	AKULITE 26 (S Clough) J King 5-11-6	A Procter (3)	–
2	131	DENISE'S PROFILES 22 (S) (Exterior Profiles) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-6	C Llewellyn	–
3	0-2	FONTAINE FABLES 79 (Oriel Syndicate) N Meade (Ire) 5-11-6	P Carberry	–
4	30	HOH DELIVERY 20 (D Allport) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 6-11-6	P Niven	–
5	0415	KARICLEIGH LAD 28 (S) (E Eveleigh) Mrs J Retter 6-11-6	S Burrough	–
6	2	LOTTERY TICKET 25 (BF) (A Parker) J Edwards 6-11-6	N Williamson	–
7	3123	MANDICAT 25 (G) (Mrs B Eve) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-6	E Callaghan (7)	–
8	221	MINELLA MASTER 15 (S) (J Nallen) A O'Brien (Ire) 6-11-6	C Swan	–
9	11	MONICASMAN 11 (G,S) (A Tomboli) A Jarvis 5-11-6	W Marston	–
10	1-46	OMAR 60 (S) (E O'Leary) M Halford (Ire) 6-11-6	J Short	–
11	2121	PHARANEAR 11 (G,S) (J Crowley) A O'Brien (Ire) 5-11-6	G Bradley	–
12	0-141	SKEHANAGH BRIDGE 62 (G,S) (D Pim) W Mullins (Ire) 6-11-6	Mr W Mullins	–
13	0-51	TARA RAMBLER 84 (G) (J Hanson) Miss S Hall 6-11-6	L Wyer	–
14	421	WILD WEST WIND 34 (S) (Lord Vestey) Miss H Knight 5-11-6	M A Fitzgerald	–
15	110	WISLEY WONDER 35 (G,S) (Wisley Golf Pins) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-6	D Bridgwater	–
16	11	DATO STAR 18 (S) (Mrs K Riley) J Jefferson 4-10-12	M Dwyer	–
17	1	MAITRE DE MUSIQUE 18 (S) (R Ogden) A Turnell 4-10-12	S McNeill	–
18	4	POLITICAL PANTO 25 (S Lucey) M Pipe 4-10-12	J Lower	–
19	1	RED BLAZER 35 (S) (T Shrimpton) Miss H Knight 4-10-12	J Osborne	–
20	1	SUPERVENE 39 (S) (J McManus) D Weld (Ire) 4-10-12	R Dunwoody	–
21	42	LUCIA FORTE 36 (Mrs L Farmer) P Dalton 4-10-7	T Jenks	–

BETTING: 5-1 Red Blazer, 11-2 Dato Star, 6-1 Supervene, Minella Master, 8-1 Pharanear, Skehanagh Bridge, 10-1 Denise's Profiles, 14-1 others.

1994: MUCKLEMEG 6-11-6 C Swan (7-2 fav) E O'Grady (Ire) 25 ran

FORM FOCUS

MINELLA MASTER beat Gentle Tune 12l in runner National Hunt Flat race at Gowran Park (2m 1f, heavy). MONICASMAN beat LOTTERY TICKET head in National Hunt Flat race at Nottingham (2m, soft) on penultimate start, with MANDICAT (7lb better off) 2l 3rd and POLITICAL PANTO 2½l 4th. WILD WEST WIND beat Charming Girl neck in 17-runner National Hunt Flat race at Wincanton (2m, soft). DATO STAR beat All Clear 15l in National Hunt Flat race at Haydock (2m, heavy). MAITRE DE MUSIQUE beat Oban 8l in 17-runner National Hunt Flat race at Kempton (2m, heavy). RED BLAZER beat Intermagic 15l in 25-runner National Hunt Flat race at Ascot (2m 110yd, heavy), with WISLEY WONDER (12lb better off) 34l 13th. SUPERVENE beat PHARANEAR (8lb better off) 6l in 7-runner National Hunt Flat race at Fairyhouse (2m, heavy).
Selection: RED BLAZER

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
N Henderson	6	41	14.6	Mr M Armytage	3	9	33.3
N Twiston-Davies	4	29	13.8	C Swan	7	43	16.3
D Nicholson	5	52	9.6	J Osborne	8	50	16.0
J Gifford	3	42	7.1	C Llewellyn	3	23	13.0
M Pipe	7	119	5.9	R Dunwoody	4	43	9.3
Only qualifiers				M Dwyer	3	34	8.8

Williamson is favourite

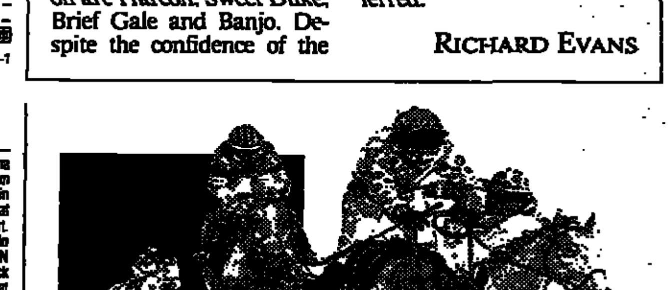
NORMAN WILLIAMSON is the 13-8 favourite with Corals for the Ritz Club Trophy after the first day of the Cheltenham Festival.

His one success yesterday came aboard Alderbrook, but he has several fancied rides to come, including the Gold Cup favourite, Master Oats. Corals then bet: 100-30 Jamie Osborne, 9-2 Mark Dwyer, Richard Dunwoody, 11-2 Charlie Swan, 16-1 others.

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12 Time For A Run	33 Giventime	40 Notable Exception
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Woods sets family record straight in Arkle Chase

Klairon Davis rises to occasion

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

ONLY those with inside knowledge will have recognised the symmetry. Thirty years ago, Paddy Woods would put Arkle through his daily paces. At Cheltenham yesterday, his son, Francis, rode Klairon Davis to win the race named in honour of the great horse.

Of the many, memorable duels for the Arkle Challenge Trophy, none was more compelling than that between Klairon Davis and Sound Man yesterday. There was never much in it from the moment Woods urged Klairon Davis to engage his fellow-Irish challenger at the penultimate fence.

An untidy jump at the last handed the initiative to Sound Man, but, remarkably, Klairon Davis dragged himself level in spite of Woods having

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: BELL STAFFBOY (3.30 Cheltenham)

Next best: Beachy Head (5.15 Cheltenham)

his whip knocked from his clutches by his compatriot, Charlie Swan. The sight of Swan on Sound Man, driving as hard as he dare, would have unnerved many a lesser jockey, but Woods, 27, kept his composure to telling effect. As a consequence, he gained his first Festival winner at the second attempt.

"When my father dropped me off at the airport he told me his Cheltenham record was two second places," Woods related. "He said I had better improve on that. Luckily I was on a smashing horse. He is pure class."

This marked the third encounter between Klairon Davis and Sound Man — and the third triumph for Klairon Davis. But his trainer, Arthur Moore, had to wait for clearance from the stewards before acclaiming his charge, a fine stamp of a six-year-old with a decidedly bright future.

"His [young] age nearly beat him but he got away with it. He's one of the bravest horses in training. He's won 11 of his 14 races for me and we'll be back, please God, for the Champion Chase next year." There is no doubt he is in that league.

Sound Man, too, has a rewarding career ahead of him. His trainer, Edward O'Grady, deserves sympathy for this narrow reversal and that sustained by Ventana Canyon in the opening novices' hurdle. These are more fruitful times for the Irish handler, whose barren Cheltenham run coincided with his concentrating more on the Flat.

One does not usually expect horses of suspect commitment to triumph at Cheltenham. It happened yesterday, when Rough Quest broke a losing sequence of more than three years in the Ritz Club Handicap Chase. The nine-year-old, restrained away from the war of attrition for the lead, was loosed by Mick Fitzgerald to stride clear of last year's winner, Antonin, and Cache Fleur.

Rough Quest has taxed the patience of many a punter during his ignominious losing sequence. But it was all sweetness and light in the winner's enclosure.

"I think he's genuine enough; he's just a difficult horse to get fit," insisted the horse's owner, Andrew Wates. Terry Casey, who trains Rough Quest, added to the sense of bemusement when he said: "We decided not to run the horse last week but we changed our minds. It didn't look a great race."

IAN STEWART



Klairon Davis, nearside, leads from Sound Man in the Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase yesterday

Champion hopes wane as Danoli puts a foot wrong



Andrew Longmore watches an ill-timed mistake undermine Irish dreams of a fairytale ending

Tom Foley did not know which emotion to embrace. In the end, he settled for a compromise. "We have to be happy," he said, though his eyes betrayed the reality of Danoli's honourable defeat in the Champion Hurdle.

The Irish horse, who carried the baggage of every small-timer in the land, was still accorded a reception the equal of the deserved new champion, Alderbrook, but it was bred from disappointment and sympathy. The national ceilidh will have to be postponed for another year.

Danoli finished third, far from disgraced. Had he not clouted the third last, had he got his head in front, Foley mused, it might have been different. "But he's proved he's a two-mile horse. If he's not, there are a lot of horses behind him which aren't two-mile horses either."

Foley, the trainer of Danoli, has become a cult figure at Cheltenham since news first burbled out of Co Carlow that, deep in the countryside, a superhorse had been found. Foley did not disappoint, nor did Danoli, and the pair, together with owner Dan O'Neill, who has consistently refused to accept any of the many offers made for his pride and joy, forged a handsome and irresistible storyline.

Their success had a touch of the moral tale to it too, reflecting the honest, old-fashioned virtues which some say National Hunt racing is in danger of losing. Foley summoned the one tie from his wardrobe just in case he had to meet the Queen Mother, slept near his horse in the stables, went white at the prospect of flying — he had never done so before — and expressed the passions which, win or lose, flow from Ireland through the stands at Cheltenham each spring.

Danoli became the people's hero, stopping the market in Baltinglass, where Foley used to sell his cattle before he turned to training, and carrying the Irish exchequer on his broad back when he cantered home in the Sun Alliance 12 months ago amid scenes reminiscent of Dawn Run. One in the eye for the Big Boys.

Foley and Danoli were inseparable, a rhyming couplet. They had made each other and the bond was clear for all to see again in the lead-up and the aftermath of the race yesterday. While other trainers left their lads to lead the horses in the parade past the stands, Foley clung on to Danoli so firmly and for so long, talking to him constantly, that you wondered if he might join Charlie Swan in the saddle.

From there, he followed the same routine as last year, watching the race from the furthest, quietest, corner of the track. But luck obstinately refused to follow. Danoli cantered down the hill on the outside, but hit the third last so hard Swan performed miracles to stay in the saddle.

"Over two miles, you cannot afford that sort of mistake," Foley said, as unpretentious in defeat as he had been in victory. He answered every question, accepted every consolatory pat, though all he really wanted to do was get back to the stable and check on Danoli's welfare.

"He knocked his knee when he hit that hurdle. Any other horse would have come down. Courage kept him going." With that he was off, still fretting, still wondering what might have been if Danoli had hit the front. "Still, third in the Champion Hurdle is not bad," he added. By nightfall, he might have convinced himself.

All in all, it was that sort of day for the Irish. Good, but within a touch of being legendary. Klairon Davis, the day's banker, duly obliged after an epic struggle with Sound Man, yet the silence which greeted Tourist Attraction's victory in the first was broken only by the cheers echoing round the club house of the North Kildare Rugby Club where, eight years ago at the end of a joyous midwinter evening, the idea of forming a rugby club racing syndicate was first aired.

Twenty five began in the club, 16 survived to witness Tourist Attraction surge up the Cheltenham hill, no doubt bringing a smile to the face of John Bruton, the Taoiseach, whose cousin, David, heads the syndicate. From the humblest to the mightiest, racing remains Ireland's common language.

Meticulous plan carries Large Action so close

Jamie Osborne experiences mixed emotions as the Champion Hurdle is snatched from his grasp by a rival's superior finishing speed

All the planning and preparation so nearly paid off. Large Action improved on last year's third in the Champion Hurdle but, unfortunately, he only went one step better.

Large Action lost no caste in defeat, running as well as we had hoped, but met an exceptional horse in Alderbrook. This gave Kim Bailey and Norman Williamson their first Festival success and while obviously I wish it had been Oliver Sherwood and myself doing the celebrating, I am delighted for them both.

If ever a race went according to plan this was it — except for the result. Mysilv gave me a great lead all the way until approaching the last.

As we took up the running and jumped the final flight I experienced two fleeting seconds of believing I had won the Champion Hurdle. Having caught sight of Alderbrook out of the corner of my eye I knew Large Action would struggle to match that horse's finishing kick.

It is hard to explain the mixed emotions as we passed the post in second place. I was thrilled with the way my horse had performed but there is nothing worse than finishing second.

It left me with a head full of if onlys. If only Alderbrook had concentrated on his Flat career then Large Action would have won the Champion Hurdle comfortably. But there is no point in dwelling on defeat. Our horse proved once again he is a top-class performer and he will be back, hopefully to win next year's Arkle Chase.

The day started with Callisoe Bay's defeat in the Supreme Novices' Hurdle in which his physical weakness on testing ground was exposed. He will be a much stronger horse next season and I have lost no faith in his ability.

Camitrov, trained by Simon Christian, ran a pleasing race in the Arkle, finishing third behind the Irish pair, Klairon Davis and Sound Man. He is still only a five-year-old and obviously has an outstanding future.

There were no winners yesterday but today could be completely different. One must look forward with optimism. Berude Not To, Nakir, Fired Earth and Red Blazer are today's hopefuls.

Berude Not To, trained by Oliver Sherwood, is a promising candidate for the Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle, although Dermot Weld's Irish raider, Treble Bob has to be respected and also David Nicholson's Putty Road.

I consider Nakir has Travado and Viking Flagship to beat in the Queen Mother Champion Chase. The Irish champion, Charlie Swan, takes over on last year's winner, Viking Flagship, because of Adrian Maguire's absence after the death of his mother, Phyllis.

One only has to think of Adrian at this time to put everything into perspective. The best wishes of the weighing room go out to Adrian and his family.



Osborne: fine second

Channel 4 survives early blunders

TELEVISION REVIEW BY MATTHEW BOND

"UNDERSTANDABLY the crowd is holding its breath," said John Oaksey, as the runners for the Smurfit Champion Hurdle made their way down to the start. Those of us hoping to enjoy the Cheltenham Festival at home were holding our breath pretty understandably too. The tension was almost unbearable. Would we stop-at-homes actually get to see it?

Day one of Channel 4's first Cheltenham Festival and things were definitely not going to plan. The problems started in the run up to the Guinness Arkle Challenge Trophy, just as Oaksey was explaining a little problem that Dancing Paddy has with fences. Suddenly the picture flickered and died. Seconds later it was back and seconds later it had gone again — and again. Third time unlucky and the producers wisely sought sanctuary in an impromptu commercial break.

With coverage restored just in time for the off, normal service appeared to have been restored and in the thrilling finish — superbly captured by the railside cameras — all thoughts of technical difficulties were forgotten. Until Klairon Davis made his triumphant return to the winner's enclosure — and the screens went blank again.

There was a certain irony in the fact that after a race in which a horse called Sound Man came off second-best, suddenly sound was all we had. "But what an incredibly good sound it is," said the unflappable Oaksey. Still, it was difficult to know which were louder — the cheers from the Irish crowd or the jeers from BBC Sport.

What a shame, especially after Channel 4 Racing's meticulous preparations. In the morning Derek Thompson had presented a flawless *Morning Line*, which took up where Lesley Graham's enjoyable late night preview left off. Not quite still in the bar of The Queen's Hotel (which is where we'd left Thompson) but the same jolly mix of banter and bookies, of fillies and form. Channel 4 promises that today and tomorrow will be glitch-free.

Still the Champion Hurdle was faultless, with Channel 4 finally able to demonstrate the scale of investment it has made both in manpower and technology for the Festival.

It also allowed the extraordinary John McCririck to demonstrate that his high volume version of charades is unchanged. Innocent that I am I spent some time looking for one horse he seemed to fancy — Burlington Bertie. I think his name was. But he was noisily spot on about Danoli, the joint-favourite. Not a hope.

NEWTON ABBOT

THUNDERER

2.30 Feels Like Gold. 3.00 Toureen Prince. 3.40 Super Spell. 4.15 Allo George. 4.50 Agra. 5.25 Daily Sport Girl.

GOING: HEAVY — SIS

2.30 CARLSBERG BEER SELLERS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,530: 2m 6f) (7 runners)

1 -102 RED PARADE 14 (S) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 7-11-8 .. A Tory
2 060- CLEAR IDEA 328 R Frost 7-11-2 .. R Darke 80
3 5P42 FEELS LIKE GOLD 18 (S) M Pipe 7-11-2 .. P Holley 91
4 30 FLASHMAN 37F B Llewellyn 5-11-2 .. Mr J L Llewellyn (5) 88
5 JIMMY'S FANCY Mrs S Williams 7-11-2 .. S Lyons (3) —
6 0P WISE FLORIZEL 14 M Ogle 6-11-2 .. J Frost —
7 000P LENEY MOSS 22 A Chamberlain 5-10-11 .. D Leahy (3) —

5-4 Red Parade, 7-4 Feels Like Gold, 6-1 Flashman, 8-1 Clear Idea, 25-1 Jimmy's Fancy, Wise Florizel, 33-1 Leney Moss.

3.00 CARLSBERG BEER SELLERS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,457: 2m 5f) (5)

1 3152 TOUREEN PRINCE 13 (D,G,S) Miss H Knight 12-12-0 .. Mr J M Pritchard
2 P14P BOLL WEEVIL 35 (D,G,S) O Sherwood 9-11-7 .. M Richards 94
3 21- NEW-GHOST 389 (G,S) G Giddings 10-10-13 .. G Tormey (5) 94
4 F-P5 ABBOTSHAM 8 (C,F,G,S) O Carter 10-10-8 .. G Hogan (5) 89
5 P3PP POP SONG 48 (C,F,G,S) G Roe 11-10-2 .. A Thornton 97

5-4 Toureen Prince, 9-4 New Ghost, 11-4 Boll Weevil, 10-1 Abbotsham, 14-1 Pop Song.

3.40 CARLSBERG EXPORT HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,701: 2m 6f) (5)

1 3-41 SUPER SPELL 125 (S) G Ham 9-12-0 .. R Massey (5)
2 1124 ELITE REG 75 (B,BF,G,S) M Pipe 6-11-5 .. L Reynolds (7) —
3 26-P SURCOAT 13 (F) R Baker 8-11-1 .. D Leahy (3) 98
4 3020 WARFIELD 6 (V,CD,S) P Nicholls 8-10-11 .. Guy Lewis (5) 90
5 PU2- BLASKET HERO 317 (F,G) Mrs S Williams 7-10-7 S Lyons (3) 95

7-4 Super Spell, 2-1 Warfield, 7-2 Elite Reg, 5-1 Blasket Hero, 10-1 Surcoat.

4.15 CARLSBERG-TETLEY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,457: 3m 2f 110yd) (4)

1 P-F3 STIRRUP CUP 36 (CD,G,S) C Egerton 11-12-0 A Procter (3) —
2 B2P2 SHALCHLO BOY 100 (CD,F,G) Mrs S Williams 11-10-11 .. S Lyons (3) 95
3 FP-P SKERRY MEADOW 17P (CD,F,G) O Carter 11-10-10 .. G Hogan (5) 91
4 3051 ALLO GEORGE 27 (G,S) A Newcombe 9-10-0 .. A Thornton

6-4 Stirrup Cup, 7-4 Shalchlo Boy, 2-1 Allo George, 14-1 Skerry Meadow.

4.50 TETLEY BITTER MAIDEN CHASE (£2,701: 2m 110yd) (5)

1 4 AGRA 13 M Pipe 7-11-4 .. M Richards
2 0/P BLACK HORSE LAD 14 (S) Mrs J Foster 11-11-4 .. S Fox (5) —
3 0-F4 COOLREE 76 (F) P Nicholls 7-11-4 .. Guy Lewis (5) 76
4 2P00 PIONEER PETE 14 R Frost 9-11-4 .. J Frost —
5 04-P WALID'S PRINCESS 102 P Frost 5-10-5 .. R Darke —

4-5 Agra, 2-1 Coolree, 6-1 Pioneer Pete, 16-1 Black Horse Lad, Walid's Princess.

5.25 CARLSBERG PILSNER HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,650: 2m 1f) (7)

1 0/1- MR WOODLARK 485 (S) R Frost 8-11-10 .. J Frost 90
2 2153 FOX CHAPEL 6 (D,G,S) R Juckes 8-11-9 .. N Juckes (7) 94
3 2085 NINE O THREE 9 (S) N Ayliffe 6-11-5 .. Guy Lewis (5) 90
4 /45 SURER 9 (G,S) Mrs J Pitman 9-11-0 .. S Fox (5) 95
5 /PP FOUJITA 14 (F,G,S) S Jacobs 10-10-12 .. Mr R Payne —
6 3202 COBB GATE 21 (B,CD,G) B Stevens 7-10-10 .. M Stevens 95
7 FP11 DAILY SPORT GIRL 25 (G,S) B Llewellyn 6-10-9 .. Mr J L Llewellyn (5)

5-2 Fox Chapel, 11-4 Daily Sport Girl, 3-1 Mr Woodlark, 5-1 Cobb Gate, 6-1 Surer, 10-1 Nine O Three, 20-1 Foujita.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Egerton, 5 winners from 17 runners, 29.4%, M Pipe, 95 from 331, 28.7%, P Nicholls, 16 from 64, 25.0%, O Carter, 4 from 18, 22.2%, O Sherwood, 5 from 31, 16.1%, Miss H Knight, 3 from 21, 14.3%

JOCKEYS: M Richards, 7 winners from 51 rides, 13.7%, A Tory, 7 from 58, 12.1%; R Darke, 6 from 57, 10.5%. Only qualifiers.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Cheltenham: 3.30 Fired Earth. Newton Abbot: 3.40 Warfield. Nottingham: 2.10 May-Day-Baby 4.55 Groomsman.

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

2.10 Five Flags. 2.40 Master Of The Rock. 3.10 Island Chief. 3.45 Shahgram. 4.20 Ridwan. 4.55 The Boiler White. 5.30 Charming Girl.

GOING: SOFT (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) — SIS

2.10 ENTRANCE IS FREE AT NOTTINGHAM TODAY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,174: 2m 5f 110yd) (22 runners)

1 -022 HOT PUNCH 23 (D,S) H Alexander 6-12-0 .. D Thomas (7)
2 F200 THARSIS 9 (F,G) W Smith 10-11-9 .. S Taylor (7)
3 P550 KALAKATE 13 J Bridger 10-11-9 .. D Morris
4 2426 FIVE FLAGS 25 (G) Mrs S Smith 7-11-7 .. R Wilkinson (7)
5 0-U6 SIR CRUSTY 6 (D,F,G,S) O O'Neill 13-11-4 .. P Maddock (7)
6 -06P MARDOOD 64 (G,S) S Clark 10-11-2 .. Miss R Clark (7)
7 P-21 QUIET MISTRESS 16 (S) W Bethell 5-11-1 .. A S Smith
8 50-4 DOSTONE PEAR 34 (F) K Morgan 10-10-12 .. Mr S Walker (7)
9 03F2 CLOGHRAN LAD 14 (B,S) J Smith 8-10-11 .. R Davis
10 1314 LUKS AKURA 14 (V,S) W Clay 7-10-10 .. Diane Clay
11 P-3P MAY-DAY-BABY 34 (B,S) J Upson 9-10-9 .. R Supple
12 -000 WITH GUSTO 40F J Bridger 8-10-8 .. D O'Sullivan
13 -P44 SELDOM IN 200 R Brotherton 9-10-7 .. J Railton
14 P4/ AIOLI 798 (G) R Brazington 9-10-7 .. W Humphreys
15 0542 YACHT CLUB 16 (F) J Eyre 13-10-6 .. D Pears
16 4140 KLONDIKE 79 (V,D,S) Mrs P Sly 5-10-5 .. R Marley
17 /01- BRECKENBROUGH LAD 562 (G) D Turner 8-10-5 .. A P McCoy
18 04P3 WADADA 37 S Campion 4-10-2 .. M Hourigan
19 -P06 MAC RAMBLER 36 N Bycroft 8-10-0 .. D Towler (7)
20 00P0 MISTI HUNTER 53 Miss M Milligan 6-10-0 .. J R Kavanagh
21 5600 SHE KNEW THE RULES 30 D Carey 5-10-0 .. P McLoughlin (5)
22 -00P NORDIC FLIGHT 11 (B) R Eckley 7-10-0 .. Mr R Johnson (7)

6-1 Quiet Mistress, 7-1 Hot Punch, 8-1 Yacht Club, Five Flags, 9-1 Cloghran Lad, 10-1 Wadada, 12-1 Luks Akura, Klondike, 14-1 others.

2.40 COULD HAVE BEEN THE CATHCART NOVICES CHASE (£2,846: 2m 5f 110yd) (9)

1 P308 THE LIGHTER SIDE 18 (F,G,S) C Cowley 9-11-10 .. M Hourigan
2 US4- CAPTAIN CAVEMAN 289 Mrs A Hewitt 10-11-4 .. S Wynne (3)
3 06F3 DISTINCTIVE 15 M Wilkinson 6-11-4 .. J F Titley
4 1P46 EASTERN PLEASURE 20 (D,S) W Clay 8-11-4 .. J Lodder
5 40P3 GLAISDALE 18 (V,S) M Tompkins 6-11-4 .. J Railton
6 10F3 MASTER OF THE ROCK 9 (F,G,S) J Mackie 6-11-4 .. R Supple
7 0PP RASHLEIGH ARMS 13 (B) O Sherwood 7-11-4 .. J A McCarthy
8 P/P- TAXI LAD 460 (S) R Brazington 11-11-4 .. W Humphreys
9 F345 APRIL CITY 9 (S) C Smith 6-10-13 .. M Ranger

2-1 Glaisdale, 3-1 The Lighter Side, 4-1 Distinctive, 5-1 Master Of The Rock, 8-1 April City, 10-1 Rashleigh Arms, 12-1 others.

3.10 BET COURSE TO COURSE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,402: 2m 5f 110yd) (18)

1 1053 IMAD 25 (D,S) J White 5-11-8 .. J Railton
2 P5U0 BALLYHAMAGE 25 J Evans 7-11-2 .. Mr R Johnson (7)
3 03 BORO HILL 19 R Allsop 6-11-2 .. A S Smith
4 BUNGY BOURKE H Alexander 7-11-2 .. P Waggott (5)
5 00 CANAILLOU II 25 Mrs S Bramall 5-11-2 .. Mr D Parker (5)
6 000 CAROUSEL PRINCE 40 Miss M Milligan 6-11-2 .. T Reed
7 5/ COLERIDGE 208F J Sheehan 7-11-2 .. M Hourigan
8 03UP CONTI D'ESTRUVAL 9 (G) G Balding 5-11-2 .. A P McCoy
9 0 GIVE IT A WHIRL 15 J Wharton 6-11-2 .. B Dalton
10 P HOPEFUL TRAVELLER 15 J Mackie 5-11-2 .. J F Titley
11 33 ISLAND CHIEF 18 P Beaumont 6-11-2 .. R Supple
12 /2P- KAUSAR 19F J Eyre 8-11-2 .. K Johnson
13 0P LITTLE ROWLEY 58 T Casey 6-11-2 .. J R Kavanagh
14 65 LORD NITROGEN 90F R Emery 5-11-2 .. D Winter (7)
15 23 MYLAND 56 O Sherwood 6-11-2 .. J A McCarthy
16 /F6 FRUITFUL AFFAIR 63 T Thomson Jones 6-10-11 .. D Meade
17 000- SKI PATH 345 N Bycroft 6-10-11 .. D Towler (7)
18 BLUE PENNANT 27F T Bill 4-10-2 .. G Upton

3-1 Imad, 7-2 Island Chief, 9-2 Myland, 7-1 Lord Nitrogen, 8-1 Conti D'Estruval, Boro Hill, 10-1 Give It A Whirl, 12-1 others.

3.45 LADY RIDERS CHAMPION HURDLE (Handicap: £2,322: 2m) (9)

1 23-2 KINOKO 133 (D,S) K Hogg 7-12-0 .. Miss R Clark (7)
2 54-5 KHALIDI 221 (D,G) D Gandolfo 6-11-13 .. Miss S Mitchell (7)
3 5332 SHAHGRAM 14 (S) P Beaumont 7-11-3 .. Mrs A Farrell
4 5-PB SHAMSHOM AL ARAB 2 (D,F,G) Mrs S Smith 7-11-2 .. Miss V Haigh (7)
5 00F6 RAWAAN 9 (CD,F,G,S) N Tinkler 8-11-2 .. Miss P Jones (5)
6 /65 CHILL WIND 25 (F,G) N Bycroft 6-11-1 .. Jacqui Oliver
7 5202 NORTHERN NATION 5 (CD,G) W Clay 7-11-1 .. Diane Clay
8 -300 AL SKEET 56 (D,F) R Price 9-10-2 .. Lorna Vincent
9 05P0 MYTHICAL STORM 78 (S) C Pinney 8-10-0 .. Mrs F Needham (7)

9-4 Shahgram, 3-1 Kinoko, 9-2 Khalidi, 6-1 Northern Nation, 8-1 Chill Wind, 10-1 Rawaan, Shamshom Al Arab, 16-1 others.

4.20 REAL STAYERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,246: 3m 4f) (8)

1 0-RU RUFUS 25 (B,S) B Smart 9-12-0 .. W McFarland
2 3200 RIDWAN 39 (CD,S) K Morgan 8-11-7 .. A S Smith
3 P040 TARKOVSKY 13 (S) R Price 10-11-7 .. P McLoughlin (5)
4 3142 FORTUNES COURSE 25 (BF,G,S) J King 6-11-6 .. A P McCoy
5 3-60 JEFFERBY 15 (G) J Glover 8-11-3 .. T Reed
6 /00- NUT TREE 373 (B,G) D Wile 10-10-3 .. E Tolhurst (7)
7 455F GERRYMANDER 14 M Hammond 9-10-0 .. D Bentley
8 60P3 POLLERTON'S PRIDE 5 (C,G,S) W Clay 8-10-0 .. Diane Clay

5-2 Ridwan, 7-2 Fortunes Course, 9-2 Rufus, 6-1 Tarkovsky, 7-1 Pollerton's Pride, 8-1 Gerrymander, 12-1 others.

4.55 GET IN FREE TODAY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,685: 3m 3f 110yd) (8)

1 -P55 THE TARTAN SPARTAN 20 (CD,F,S) M Wilkinson 11-11-10 .. J F Titley
2 -4P0 YOUNG MINER 15 (G,S) Mrs T McInnes Skinner 9-11-4 G Upton
3 -030 BRAVE DEFENDER 15 (F,G) J White 11-11-0 P McLoughlin (5)
4 3013 THE BOILER WHITE 9 (F,S) T Thomson Jones 7-11-0 A P McCoy
5 35-F GROOMSMAN 18 (B,G) N Babbage 9-10-2 .. W Humphreys
6 -PP4 SHEEPHAVEN 15 (B,G) T Casey 11-10-1 .. J R Kavanagh
7 040P SOONER STILL 15 (B,F,G,S) C Cowley 11-10-0 .. M Hourigan
8 0512 IMPECCABLE TIMING 26 (C,S) O O'Neill 12-10-0 .. Mr A Mitchell (7)

2-1 The Boiler White, 3-1 Sheephaven, 5-1 Impeccable Timing, 6-1 The Tartan Spartan, 7-1 Young Miner, 8-1 Groomsman, 12-1 others.

5.30 THERE'S MORE ROOM AT NOTTINGHAM OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,392: 2m) (20)

1 BISHOPS TALE G Balding 5-11-8 .. B Clifford
2 55 CATTLY HANG 9 J Leigh 5-11-8 .. Mr W Morgan
3 DORMSTON FLYER K White 5-11-8 .. T Wall
4 5 FELDSPAR 56 J Edwards 6-11-8 .. D Bentley
5 GO FOR THE DOCTOR J Smith 5-11-8 .. Gary Lyons
6 0 JENARK PHAUL 11 J Mackie 5-11-8 .. D Webb (7)
7 JOINT ACCOUNT R Tate 5-11-8 .. Mrs F Needham
8 ROLLED GOLD M Pipe 6-11-8 .. M Foster
9 600- TALL FELLOW 286 S Clark 5-11-8 .. Miss R Clark (7)
10 BRIERY GALE T Forster 5-11-3 .. J R Kavanagh
11 4 GOLD PIGEON 18 B Rothwell 5-11-3 .. R Supple
12 MISWISKERS R Price 5-11-3 .. Mr R Johnson (7)
13 BACK TO THE CITY J White 4-11-0 .. P McLoughlin (5)
14 0 EL RUBIO 20 J Spearing 4-11-0 .. Miss T Spearing (7)
15 FALCON'S IMAGE K Morgan 4-11-0 .. A S Smith
16 PEGASUS BAY W Haigh 4-11-0 .. K Davies
17 RUSTY MUSKETEER N Graham 4-11-0 .. N Mann
18 SILVERDALE LAD K Hogg 4-11-0 .. K Johnson
19 2 CHARMING GIRL 34 T Thomson Jones 4-10-9 .. A P McCoy
20 FORTUNES GLEAM J King 4-10-9 .. G Upton

3-1 Rolled Gold, 9-2 Charming Girl, 5-1 Falcon's Image, 6-1 Bishops Tale, 8-1 Rusty Musketeer, 10-1 Back To The City, 12-1 Briery Gale, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Glover, 4 winners from 15 runners, 26.7%; T Forster, 5 from 26, 19.2%; O Sherwood, 6 from 32, 18.8%, M Pipe, 8 from 45, 17.8%; J Wharton, 3 from 19, 15.8%, J Mackie, 7 from 45, 15.6%.

JOCKEYS: Diane Clay, 3 winners from 20 rides, 15.0%, J R Kavanagh, 3 from 22, 13.6%; G Upton, 3 from 25, 12.0%; J Railton, 3 from 27, 11.1% Only qualifiers

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Cheltenham

Going: soft, good to soft in places

2.15 CITROEN SUPREME NOVICES HURDLE (Grade I £35,850: 2m 110yd)

TOURIST ATTRACTION b m Pollerton — Sayanarra (North Kildare Racing Club) 6-11-3 M Dwyer (25-1) 1.

Ventana Canyon b g Un Desperado — Adanysa (P Myerscough) 6-11-8 C Swan (11-2) 2.

Simple Arithmetic ch g Southern Music — Graphics Eska (Mrs M Motley) 7-11-8 N Williamson (9-1) 3.

ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Callisoe Bay (5th), 11-2 Blazing Spectacle (4th), 11 Double Symphony, Taos, 12 Slew Man (6th), 16 Big Strand, 20 Chief's Song, 25 Gambolling Doc, 33 Who Is Equiname, 50 Tony's Fen, 66 Nordic Crown, 100 Supreme Master, Virkon Venture, 150 Unsinkable Boxer, 200 He Flies By Night, Major Yaasi, Wixoe Wonder 20 ran. 2l, hd, 5l, 1½l, 6l W Mullins in Ireland Tote £43.10; £7 10, £2 10, £2 30 DF: £137 20 Trio: £578 60. CSF: £137 00

2.50 GUINNESS ARKLE CHALLENGE TROPHY CHASE (Grade I: £46,625: 2m)

KLAIRON DAVIS b g Rose Laurel — Styrene (C Jones) 6-11-8 F Woods (7-2 fav) 1.

Sound Man b g Kemal — Frankford Run (D Lloyd) 7-11-8 C Swan (6-1) 2.

Camitrov b g Sharken — Emerovna (J Lewis) 5-11-0 J Osborne (16-1) 3.

ALSO RAN: 4 Morceli (5th), 6 Dancing Paddy (4th), Sound Reveille 7 Gales Cavalier, 14 In Truth, 33 Monday Club, 66 Medinas Swan Song (6th), 100 Jimmy The Gillie 11 ran. ½l, 9l, 12l 7l, 7l A Moore in Ireland Tote £3 60, £1 90, £1 60, £3.20. DF £9 00 Trio: £72 90 CSF £22 56

3.30 SMURFIT CHAMPION HURDLE CHALLENGE TROPHY (Grade I: £103,690: 2m 110yd)

See facing page

4.05 RITZ CLUB NATIONAL HUNT HANDICAP CHASE (£32,660 3m 1f)

ROUGH QUEST b g Crash Course — Our Quest (A Wales) 9-10-3 M A Fitzgerald (16-1) 1.

Antonin ch g Italic — Pin'hup (G Bailey Ltd) 7-11-8 J Burke (14-1) 2.

Cache Fleur ch g Kashneb — Blanche Fleur (B Kilpatrick) 9-10-6 R Dunwoody (6-1) 3.

Grange Brake b g Over The River — Arctic Brilliance (Mrs J Mould) 9-10-10 D Bridgwater (14-1) 4.

ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Couldnt Be Better, 13-2 Dont Tell The Wife (ur), 8 Whispering Steel, 10 Superior Finish, 11 Feathered Gale, 12 Jumbeau, 16 Chatam (6th), Do Be Brief (5th), 25 Sibton Abbey (pu), 33 Petty Bridge (pu), 66 Gay Ruffian, 200 L'Uomo Piu (pu) 16 ran. NR: Givus A Buck. 9l, shd, 4l, 5l, 5l T Casey at Dorking. Tote £19 70, £3.40, £2 80, £1 30, £3.50 DF £103 40 Trio: £341.90. CSF £202 77. Tricast £1 368.29.

4.40 FULKE WALWYN KIM MUIR CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs £17,779: 3m 1f)

FLYER'S NAP b g Rolfe — English Flyer (R Tory) 9-9-10 Mr P Henley (11-1) 1.

Talbot ch g Bustino — Wensum Girl (T Dennis) 9-9-9 Mr T Murphy (9-2) 2.

Camelot Knight br g King's Ride — Jeanette Marie (M Gates) 9-10-1 Mr M Rimell (14-1) 3.

Lo Stregone b g The Parson — Somers Castle (Mrs S Clegg) 9-10-5 Mr S Swiers (11-2) 4.

ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Wylde Hide, 8 The Committee, 10 Ebony Jane, Light Veneer (f), 16 Romany King (6th), Run Up The Flag (5th), 20 Zeta's Lad (pu), 25 Open The Gale, Warner For Winners (f), 33 Bishops Island (pu), Topsham Bay (pu), 50 Strong Beau. 16 ran 12l, 8l, 2l, nk, 5l. R Alner at Blandford Forum Tote: £17.00; £2.90, £2.00, £3 00, £1 40 DF: £57 10 Trio, £288.30 CSF £59 70. Tricast: £664.86.

5.15 ASTEC VODAFONE GOLD CARD HANDICAP HURDLE (Final: £22,906: 3m 2f)

MIRACLE-MAN b g Kemal — Knockeevan Girl (P Evans) 7-10-11 Peter Hobbs (9-2 fav) 1.

Pragada b g Pragmatic — Acare Lady (Mrs M McGlone) 12-10-5 M Perrett (33-1) 2.

Betty's Boy b g Cataldi — Decent Lady (R Shaw) 6-10-3 N Williamson (5-1) 3.

Punters Bar ch g Le Moss — Mael Venture (Cedars Racing Syndicate) 8-10-9 Mr P Roche (12-1) 4.

ALSO RAN: 8 Flawless Finish, 9 Atiadale (6th), Gilian Cove, 10 Steel Dawn, 12 Lansdowne (5th), 14 Fine Tuning, Island Jewel, 16 Do Be Have, Punters Overhead, Sendai, 25 Badastan, Kabayil, 33 Acrow Line, Khalir, Leavenworth, Sansool, 100 Jimbalou, Rosmary, Same Difference. 23 ran. Sh hd, 1½l, 1l, 2l, ½l. C Weedon at Chiddingfold Tote: £5.30, £2 00, £9 10, £1.50, £6 00 DF: £140 70. Trio £138.20. CSF: £145 86 Tricast: £750.83

Jackpot: not won (pool of £83,927.85 carried forward to Cheltenham today).

Placepot: £176.80. Quadpot: £21.00.

Newton Abbot

Going: heavy

1.55 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Distillation (S Burrough, 3-1); 2 Ive Called Time (9-4 fav); 3, Rose Lancaster (20-1) 6 ran 15l, 8l. G Edwards. Tote: £5 50; £2.40, £1.10. DF: £7.20. CSF: £9.11.

2.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Lone Risk (C Maude, 7-4 fav); 2, Mistress Rosie (7-2), 3, Captain Coe (16-1). 9 ran. 4l, 30l M Pipe. Tote: £1.90; £1 00, £1 40, £4.40. DF: £3 90 CSF: £8.30.

3.20 (2m 5f ch) 1, Nomadic Fire (R Davis, 5-1); 2, Dunkery Beacon (3-1); 3, Hold Your Ranks (6-4 fav). 5 ran. 2l, 14l J Mullins. Tote, £10.50; £5.90, £3.20 DF: £5.80. CSF: £18.91.

3.55 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Ballet Royal (M Appleby, 3-1); 2, Sovereign Niche (11-10 fav); 3, Springtime Affair (6-1). 6 ran 10l, 25l H Manners. Tote: £2 80, £1.50, £1 10 DF: £1.90. CSF £6.94

4.30 (2m 110yd ch) 1, James The First (Guy Lewis, 2-1); 2, Lady Ghislaine (7-4); 3, Northern Saddler (6-4 fav). 3 ran Dist, 5l P Nicholls. Tote: £2.40. DF: £2.10 CSF: £5 11.

5.05 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Bournel (Mr Richard White, 10-11 fav); 2, Third Schedule (7-1), 3, Russian Empire (4-1). 7 ran. Hd, 3l C Barwell Tote: £2.00, £1.10, £5.80. DF: £8.30. CSF £8.50.

Placepot: £25.80. Quadpot: £29.50.

Sedgefield

Going: good

2.05 (3m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Kir (A Dobbin, 4-1); 2, Monaru (9-2); 3, Porlonia (13-8 fav). 5 ran. 20l, 15l. V Thompson. Tote: £7.30, £1.80, £2.10. DF: £10 40 CSF: £18.12.

2.40 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Windswept Lady (P Niven, 1-5 fav); 2, Brilliant Disguise (20-1). 3, Cleric On Broadway (25-1). 13 ran. 11l, 3½l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote £1.20; £1.10, £3.00, £2.20. DF: £6.80 CSF £7.77.

3.10 (3m 3f ch) 1, Linebacker (Mr N F Smith, 13-2); 2, Deise Marshall (6-1); 3, Bad Trade (10-1). Cot Lane 3-1 fav (ur) 11 ran. 20l, 2½l. D Smith. Tote: £5.90, £1.70, £1.50, £2.10. DF: £14.60. CSF: £38 44.

3.45 (2m 1f ch) 1, Glindigo (A Dobbin, 3-1); 2, Another Red (12-1); 3, Miami Bear (6-1). Bobby Socks 7-4 fav. 5 ran. 1l, 3½l. P Monteith. Tote: £2.70; £3.30, £7.50. DF: £15.10. CSF. £24 76.

4.20 (2m 5f ch) 1, Bayrouge (P Niven, 1-4 fav), 2, Lost Refuge (12-1); 3, Willubelong (14-1). 12 ran. 8l, 1½l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £1 60, £2.90 DF: £5 10. CSF. £5.46.

4.55 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Tribune (D Wilkinson, 14-1); 2, Keep Battling (6-1); 3, Royal Rank (33-1); 4, Topothenorthracing (5-1 fav). 18 ran. 2½l, sh hd. C Thornton. Tote, £31 10; £3.30, £2.60, £18.50, £1.90. DF: £77.60 Trio: £255.10. CSF: £102.70. Tricast: £2,571.54.

Placepot: £176.30. Quadpot: £32.30 (0.2 winning tickets. Pool of £34.96 carried forward to Cheltenham today).

☐ There was a record first-day paying attendance of 42,875 at the Cheltenham Festival, up 6,295 on the previous year. The Tote reported an increase in turnover of £237,182.75, up 16 per cent on last year's first-day figure of £1,443,489.

Board plans revision of amateur regulations

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

AMBIGUITY has been part and parcel of rugby union's development, but yesterday the sport received its most unambiguous message yet: that it must define the kind of game it wishes to be or drift into quasi-professionalism at the whim of commercial interests.

If its administrators accept the challenge, then a new set of regulations could be in place by the start of next season. Rugby's governing body, the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB), will stage a special council meeting in Paris in August, at which it intends to restructure the concept of amateurism that is central to the game.

Administrators are increasingly aware that their own vacillations over payments have brought the game into disrepute. Indeed, Vernon Pugh, the Welshman who retired as chairman of the board yesterday at the end of the IRFB's annual meeting in Bristol, hammered home the point by making public the findings of the board's working party on amateurism.

"We, the administrators, have brought about the present state of affairs," he concluded. "We demand the commitment – success, money, prestige, time and much more of the lives of others whose interests we should have been more respectful of, and yet seek to deny the rewards and compensation that many would expect to represent the equitable balance."

The working party's report stresses that the game is for 67 countries, not just the rich and powerful few – for the prime advocates of amateurism, such as Argentina, as much as for France, where an amateur is defined by law as someone who does not earn more than a stipulated amount. Hence Pugh recommends a reduction in the demands on players by abbreviating the season, limiting the number of internationals played in any year and introducing a more coherent touring structure.

The IRFB has acknowledged an infringement of civil rights by allowing professional rugby league players back into rugby union three years after their last involvement with the paid game. They can now play or referee at any level below national representative teams.

Thus such individuals as Stuart Evans, the former Wales prop who has begun legal proceedings against the board, Stuart Redfern, late of Leicester and England, and Ian Birkby, now seeking to play for Wilmslow, can apply for reinstatement and play straight away, since their involvement with rugby league ended more than three years ago. Such a move, it is believed, will satisfy the legal profession in both hemispheres.

At the same time, player allowances for representative teams have been increased, advertising on kit has been extended and the organisers of the World Cup have been told to adopt a qualifying formula for future tournaments that limits the number of matches required.

"We want to define the nature of the game we want, and when we do that we can build the regulations around it," Pugh said. "If the common will is there for a game people can play and still hold down a job, a career ... then we must produce a fairly simple regulation about how much rugby individuals are required to play.

"Other major sports have had to deal with the pressures we are now dealing with. Some of our administrators are not comfortable with the pace of change ... but it is a fact of life. Yet I have no expectation that our game will be one from which players can earn their living. We want to achieve a position where everyone, to a greater or lesser extent, is content and that we can regulate. It will be worthless if we cannot enforce it."

☐ The IRFB is seeking to establish an independent panel to advise on the future location of World Cup tournaments, to avoid the horse-trading that preceded last week's decision to grant the 1999 World Cup to Wales.

☐ The board has agreed a schedule of sanctions for foul play, ranging from punching (30 days suspension) to striking a match official (sine die ban). Thus a player sent off at the start of the World Cup for punching could miss the remainder of the tournament.

Johan le Roux, the South Africa prop, will miss the World Cup after his appeal against a 19-month ban for biting the ear of Sean Fitzpatrick, the New Zealand captain, last July was dismissed by the High Court in Wellington yesterday.



PETE SAMPRAS powers a forehand return during his victory over Andre Agassi, a fellow American, in the ATP Champions Cup in Indian Wells, California. Sampras, the No 1 seed, retained his title and won his first tournament of 1995 on Monday with serve-and-volley tennis that produced 18 aces in a 7-5, 6-3, 7-5 triumph over the second seed. The result will encourage Sampras, whose No 1 ranking is under threat from Agassi. Photograph: Mark Terrill

Wright ready for double challenge

Richard Eaton on the talented badminton player preparing the defence of her realm

Joanne Wright today begins the defence of the mixed doubles title at the Yonex All-England badminton championships confident that she has put behind her the controversy provoked by claims that she had been receiving unfair advantages because she is the fiancée of Andy Goode, the Great Britain Olympic team manager.

How the 22-year-old from Roehampton deals with the pressure of defending her title in partnership with Nick Ponting at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham should say much about the temperament of the most exciting player in the country.

Ignoring the allegations is something she has had to do since last autumn, when it was suggested by other players that her relationship with Goode might unwittingly be assisting her with funding, advice or training.

Nothing was proved, but the suggestions did make an emotional mark. It does not show much now, however, for Wright and her partner in the women's doubles, Julie Bradbury, have climbed steadily to No 3 in the world rankings. This week her partnerships with Bradbury and Ponting make Wright the only home player seeded to reach two semi-finals in an All-England event which has an entry of unrivalled quality.

Back in October it was different. "The publicity did affect my play and did get me down," Wright said. "It was all unfair on Andy, who is doing a good job. But when you are successful, lots of things are said which are untrue. It got on my back at the Dutch Open." That was the tournament where Wright uttered some on-court expletives about Ponting, which brought a written warning from the British Badminton Olympic Committee, saying that further misdemeanours could affect her Olympic funding.



Wright: fiery temperament

There have been none. Moreover, Wright has been taking measures to channel a temperament that she admits can be explosive. "I have worked with the England psychologist, Tom Fawcett, and he helped me a lot. I still shout out but use it in a positive way." The fiery side to her temperament has considerable advantages. Once it is sublimated, it helps to make her a player of considerable flair, good enough to hold her own with the best, with the Chinese, Koreans and Indonesians.

Defending the mixed doubles title will be extremely tough for Wright and Ponting against the likes of Thomas Lund and Marlene Thomsen, the Danes who have been far and away the best pair in the world this season. However, going all the way in the women's doubles is not impossible for Wright and Bradbury, because home advantage can count for much and the English pair have given the impression of making ground on the leaders.

"Julie is physically very good," Goode said. "She plays at a very fast pace and moves quicker than other girls. Jo has a bit more flair, serves better and is tactically better."

They are, however, still working on eradicating the tendency to get in each other's way when Wright comes away from the net, something that happens partly because both were used to taking the role at the back until they formed their partnership in September.

If they succeed, they may have a chance in the quarter-finals to gain revenge against the Danes, Olsen and Jorgensen, who beat them in the Far East recently, and perhaps play a semi-final against either the Koreans, Gil Young-Ah and Jang Hye-Ock, or the Indonesians, Finarsih and Lili Tampi. If they go further than that, England may have uncovered a world-class partnership.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

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FOOTBALL

FA Carling Premiership
Everton v Manchester City (7.45) .....
* Leicester v Leeds (7.45) .....
Manchester Utd v Tottenham (8.00) ....
Queens Park Rangers v Norwich (7.45)
Southampton v West Ham .....

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Derby v Burnley (7.45) .....
Portsmouth v Millwall (7.45) .....
Swindon v Sunderland (7.45) .....
West Bromwich v Wolverhampton (7.45)

Second division
Brighton v Cardiff (7.45) .....
Bristol Rovers v Cambridge Utd (8.00)

GM Vauxhall Conference
Gateshead v Stalybridge (7.45) .....

Bell's Scottish League
Third division
East Stirling v Montrose .....
Ross County v Albion .....

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Ebbw Vale v Llanelli; Llansantffraid v Ton Pentre.

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Hornich v Guiseley. First division: Alfreton v Warrington; Caernarfon v Mossley; Congleton v Bamber Bridge; Radcliffe v Ashton United.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Chesham v Kingstonian; Enfield v Purfleet (7.45). Third division: Collier Row v Hertford.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: *Premier division:* Cambridge City v Trowbridge; Corby v VS Rugby. Southern division: Fareham v Newport IoW; Salisbury v Braintree.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Sheffield v Pickering.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Consett v Hebburn; Seaham Red Star v Gusborough; Whitby v Shildon.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES TENNENTS FLOODLIT TROPHY: Semi-final, first leg: Nantwich v Atherton Collieries.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Waltham Abbey v Tower Hamlets; Willesden v Barkingside.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Buckingham Athletic v Shillington.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford v Elmore (7.45); Torrington v Crediton (7.45); Saltash v Barnstaple (7.45)

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Stapenhill v West Midlands Police.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Soham v Hadleigh (7.45); Sudbury v Harwich and Parkeston.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Aerostructures v Swanage and Herston; Downton v Lymington; Gosport v Brockenhurst; Ryde Sports v Wimborne.

UNIJET SUSSEX LEAGUE: John O'Hara League Cup: Quarter-final: Wick v Oakwood.

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Holbeach v Spalding.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Corinthian v Crockenhill (7.45).

HAMPSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Havant Town v Waterlooville (at Eastleigh).

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Oxford Utd v Arsenal; Wimbledon v Luton (at Plough Lane, Wimbledon, 2.00). Second division: Bath v Yeovil (at Keynsham FC, 7.45); Cardiff v Birmingham (2.00); Exeter v Cheltenham (7.00); Plymouth v Hereford; Torquay v Swansea.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn v Manchester Utd (at Wigan FC, 7.00); Nottingham Forest v Tranmere (7.00), Stoke v Notts County (7.00). Second division: Huddersfield v Bradford (7.00), Hull v Mansfield (7.00), Middlesbrough v Newcastle (7.00); Oldham v Manchester City (7.00).

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Second division: Reading v Bristol Rovers.

SPRINGHEATH PRINT CAPITAL LEAGUE: Leyton Orient v Colchester; Woking v Brentford.

BASS IRISH CUP: Quarter-final replay: Cliftonville v Portadown; Loughgall Utd v Linfield (2.00).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
Castleford v Oldham .....
Salford v Warrington .....
Widnes v Wigan .....

Second division
Dewsbury v Huddersfield (8.0) .....
London Broncos v Whitehaven .....

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Cornwall v Royal Navy (at Launceston, 7.0); Wales Schools Under-18 v Japan Schools (at Aberavon, 7.0).

CLUB MATCH: Coventry v Nuneaton (7.15).

UNIPLEX HOSPITALS CUP: Final: St Mary's v Charing Cross-Westminster (London Welsh, 2.30)

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: All England championships (National Indoor Arena, Birmingham)

BOWLS: Men's British championships (Nottingham)

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 42

SOAPOLALLIE
(c) A thick drink made from crushed soapberries, also a soapberry. Also *soapolali, soopolallie* and *sopelalee*. North American from *soap(berry)* + Chinook Jargon *olallie* berry. *Islander*, 1966: "There was (at the potlatch) also a great deal of oolachan-grease and soapollalie."

ZABUTON
(b) A flat floor cushion on which one sits or kneels. From the Japanese *za* sitting, a seat + *buton* from *futon* a cushion or padded mattress. A. Broinowski, *Take One Ambassador*, 1973: "There were *shoji* screens and *zabuton* cushions on the *tatami* round the table."

TOCHARISH
(a) The Tocharian language, also *Tokharish*. Spoken by the Tocharians, a central Asiatic people of whom remains have been discovered in Chinese Turkestan. *Encyclopedia Britannica 11*, 1910: "Up to 1909 only a preliminary account had been given of Tocharish, a hitherto unknown Indo-European language."

SEAU
(a) A vessel in the shape of a pail or bucket used for cooling wine, frequently forming part of dinner services in the eighteenth century. Plural *seaux*, also, erroneously, *sceau*. From the French *seau* bucket. E. Meteyard, *Wedgewood Handbook*, 1875: "Seaux formed a part of all costly dinner and dessert services, particularly if intended for foreign countries."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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RADIO CHOICE

Snapping up the world

Gosling on Main Street. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*

George Eastman was the American who did more than anyone to popularise photography. His inventions included the box Brownie that almost anybody could afford, and nobody could afford to be without. "You press the button, Kodak do the rest" was the advertising slogan. Once the link was made between Eastman's camera and his Kodak company that produced and processed the snaps it took, the foundation was laid for a business empire that stretches across the world. Ray Gosling makes Eastman the second of his Americans who pioneered new freedoms for the consumer society. The technical aspects of the Eastman story do not interest him very much. He concentrates on the man behind them. This human approach has always been Gosling's strength as a reporter.

Opera House: Covent Garden. *Radio 4, 8.45pm.*

Only towards the end does Jane Glover's anatomy of the Royal Opera House become generously anecdotal. There are memories of nights when the safety curtain got stuck and Callas stopped halfway through *Casta diva* and bawled out the luckless conductor. Earlier, there is the bizarre account of rats in the cellar eating most of the orchestral parts of *The Bartered Bride*, and churchyard beetles hanging from the ceiling like bunches of grapes. Glover's interviews exclude nobody. They are all here, from stage doorkeeper to Jeremy Isaacs, Covent Garden's general director. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Clive Warren **6.30** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson; and at **1.15** The Net **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier: including The Amazing Spiderman; and at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session: Pavement **9.00** Bits from Last Week's Radio **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **Midnight** Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 **8.00** Womanlok: Kathryn Roberts **8.30** Harmest Virdee Presents Expressions of the Sitar **9.00** Black Voices **9.30** Nigel Ogden: The Organist Entertains **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden, with Night Ride **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, including at **6.55** and **7.55** Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine, including at **10.35** Euronews; **11.15** Natural History **12.00** Midday with Mair, including at **12.34pm** Liz Barclay with Moneycheck **2.05** The Cheltenham Festival **4.00** Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, including classified racing results **7.35** Trevor Brooking's Football Night: Leicester v Leeds and Southampton v West Ham **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra, including at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Maurice Dee and Carol McGiffin **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **7.00** Samantha Mesh and Sean Bolger **10.00** Caesar the Geezer **1.00am** Wild Al Kelly

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 4.30am BBC English **4.45** Fruhmagazin **5.00** Newshour **6.00** Morgenmagazin **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** *The Inseperable Twins* **7.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The Miles Kington Interview **8.30** Megamix **9.00** News **9.05** Business Report **9.15** Country Style **9.30** Contemporaries of Christ **9.45** Sport **10.00** News **10.01** Omnibus **10.30** Jazz for the Asking **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **12.00** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** New Ideas **12.35** What is . ? **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** *The Inseperable Twins* **2.45** Good Books **3.00** News **3.15** From Our Own Correspondent **3.30** Quote, Unquote **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** World News **5.05** Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** News **7.05** Outlook **7.30** Omnibus **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Multitrack: X-Press **12.00** News **12.15am** The Greenfield Collection **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Waveguide **1.40** Book Choice **1.45** Farming **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Sport **3.00** News **3.15** Sport **3.30** Assignment **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Angela Rippon **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Gardening Forum (r) **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Paul Coyle **11.00** Nick Abbot **2.00am** Janey Lee Grace

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Modern Art — Pissarro and the Politics of Perception
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Including Dvořák (Nocturne in B, Op 40); Bach (Partita No 5 in G); Shostakovich (Ballet Suite No 3); Mendelssohn, transcr Liszt (Wedding March, A Midsummer Night's Dream), Puccini (Un bel dì, Madama Butterfly): **8.32** *Quartet Collection*: Haydn (String Quartet in F, Op 74 No 2)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Wagner — Kappellmeister in Dresden, 1843-1848. Barry Millington explores Wagner's career as a court musician
10.00 Midweek Choice (of Choices): Susan Sharpe presents a programme of alternatives. Ring 0171-580 444 to choose your musical preference by pledging money to Comic Relief
12.00 The BBC Orchestras: BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Martyn Brabbins (r)
1.00pm Concert Hall, live from the Wigmore Hall, London. Todd Crow, piano, plays Haydn (Piano Sonata in C minor, H XVI 20); Schumann (Humoreske in B flat, Op 20)
2.00 Schools: Together: An Assembly for Schools **2.20** Time and Tune: Music Course 2 — Dig It **2.40** Drama Workshop
3.00 Record Review (r)
4.00 Choral Evensong, live from Southwell Minster
5.00 The Music Machine: Tommy Pearson finds out why composers stayed in Second World War Germany
5.15 In Tune: Schubert (Overture in F for piano duet); Delibes (Les fleurs me paraissent plus belles, Lakmé); **6.30** Falla (En el Generalife, Nights in the Gardens of Spain); Weill (Pride, the Seven Deadly Sins)
7.30 Fairest Isle — Edward Elgar: the Music Maker. Live from the Festival Hall, London. Antonio Meneses, cello; BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis performs Handel, arr Elgar (Overture in D minor); Elgar (Cello Concerto in E minor); **8.10** During the interval, there is a discussion on Elgar's Second Symphony; **8.30** Elgar (Symphony No 2)
9.30 The Forties: Britain in Pictures. Michael Carney reads from *Battlefields in Britain* by C.V. Wedgwood
9.50 Byrd and Purcell: Phantasm performs Byrd (In Nomines); Purcell (Fantasies)
10.45 Night Waves: Lisa Jardine reviews the new edition of the Arden Shakespeare in conversation with editor David Scott Kastan; and introduces a first-night review of *Mozart's Don Giovanni* at English National Opera
11.30-12.30am Ensemble: Fibonacci Sequence performs unusual chamber music. Saint-Saëns (Septet in E flat, Op 65); Nielsen (Serenata in vano); Damase (Trio for flute, cello and harp); Martinů (La révue de cuisine)
1.00-2.40 Night School: Triple Bill — *The Haunting*: 3 **1.30** Come and Praise Special **2.00** *German 12-14*: Radio Aktiv

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek: With *Times columnist* Libby Purves and guest Penelope Lively
10.00-10.30 News; Gosling on Main Street (FM only). See Choice
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Something Understood (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray talks to Annie Castledine and Annabel Arden about their collaboration on Euripides's *Women of Troy*
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time: From members of the Abergele Garden Society (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours: With Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm The Chronicles of Clovis: Clovis's Private View Second of *a six-part* adaptation by Justin Greene of stories by the Edwardian short-story writer Saki **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One: With Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes: *The Veiled Lodger* is the fourth of six classic mysteries by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
2.45 Destination America: Christopher Cook talks to Rose Wybeck, the daughter of immigrants, who has lived in New York City all her life
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Brian Sibley sees the 1990s film version of *Little Women*
4.45 Telling Stories: *The Pillos Goose*. Tessa Worsley reads Jane Gardam's story
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Counterpoint: Second semi-final of the music quiz conducted by Ned Sherrin (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Art of Travel: Wilfred Thesiger, one of the last great eccentric British explorers, recounts his journey across the vast desert known as the Empty Quarter of Arabia
7.45 Medicine Now (r)
8.15 Fast Forward: Professor John Durant chairs the second of two programmes about developments made within living memory in specific areas of science and technology. *From Radar to Smart Arms* looks at the technology of war
8.45 Opera House: See Choice
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Archy and Mehitabel. Final part
11.00 Listen to the Cinema! David Huckvale explores music in the cinema (r)
11.30-12.00 Jeremy Hardy Speaks to the Nation (FM only): Last of the stand-up comedy series, written by and starring Jeremy Hardy (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00-12.43am News Incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.43** As World Service (LW only

RADIO 1: FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2: FM-88-90.2. RADIO 3: FM-90.2-92.4. RADIO 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6; LW 198. RADIO 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LONDON RADIO: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. CAPITAL: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. GLR: FM 94.9; WORLD SERVICE: MW 648kHz/463m. CLASSIC FM: FM-100-102. VIRGIN: MW-1215, 1197, 1242 kHz. TALK RADIO: MW 1089, 1053kHz. *Listings compiled by Rosemary Smith and Susan Thomson*

Sub-continental subterfuge and subtexts

One begins to wonder whether the BBC and Air India are in cahoots. Clive James in Bombay, Clive Anderson in Goa, *Bookmark* in Kashmir, Madhur Jaffrey all over the shop — those eager producers evidently arrive thick and fast on the sub-continent's palmy beaches, four abreast, all hopping through the frothy waves and scrambling to the shore. Last night, Madhur Jaffrey, in BBC 2's *Flavours of India*, toured us through the gastronomy of Gujarat in a variety of chic saris. And later, BBC 1's *Omnibus* took us back to the Bombay film industry for *Ready When You Are, Mr Patel*, a clever documentary which not only avoided the noxious term "Bollywood", but also managed to miss Clive James, who had visited one of the same productions just three weeks previously.

Ready When You Are, Mr Patel featured a day in the life of Harish Patel, known to British audiences from *The Buddha of Suburbia*, in which he played the shiftless Changez. He is a fat, adaptable, and not particularly likeable actor who sets out each morning in a fresh shirt (someone helps him with his shoes) and attacks an impossible timetable of appointments, yelling and fretting at the traffic from the passenger seat of a small, white car. You have heard of "drive-by shootings"? Less an actor than an essential prop, Patel must attend umpteen locations so that he can briefly be shot before moving on. Sometimes *he remembers the character from* last time, which is an obvious advantage, since it reminds him to wear a moustache.

Confiding in self-important whispers to the camera, eating lunch as often as possible, and routinely admonishing his assistant ("I wanted plain yoghurt with this! Leave that! Get me some chutney!"), Patel was a fascinating subject; and one assumed that his days were really all like this one — viz, intolerable and hilarious. But then it got confusing. "Hang on," I yelled, and "What the — ?" In late afternoon, a surprise appointment was to audition for the BBC, for a role in *The Buddha of Suburbia*. Promptly — and sadly — *Ready When You Are* came off the rails. This section was mocked up for the cameras! Was the rest of this "day in the life" unreliable, too? Call me naive, but I was miffed.

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

Pictures deceive us constantly, of course. Last night's **Network First: Troubleshooters** (ITV) was a serious and well-made film about a photojournalism agency in Northern Ireland, in which questions of manipulation were never far from the surface. The IRA has always been aware of its black-balaclava photogenic qualities ("Ready when you are, Mr Newspaper"), but if the Pacemaker photographers have simply pressed the button and sold the result, are they to blame? With the ceasefire dramatically reducing the saleability of its daily output, this agency has been forced to confront its delicate moral position *vis à vis* the 25 years of Troubles, in association with which the words "train" and "gravy" came unstoppably to mind.

"I don't want to live off other people's grief," said one of the chaps. But isn't that what they've been doing? As well as photographing scenes of killings, their job has been to call on the recently bereaved and ask for a "collect" picture, which will be published with the story. All those blurry snaps of people on their wedding days — this is how they are harvested, on doorsteps, in a low respectful tone. Apparently the request is not always regarded as an intrusion: in fact, relatives want the world to see a happy snap of the lost person. But it is unpleasant to speculate (as *Troubleshooters* didn't) how much money these borrowed pictures can be worth.

Since the ceasefire, the photographers obviously have a rotten time. They get soldiers in helmets to pose with peace slogans, but it's not the same. The world demanded images of war; peace requires one or two good ones, and they've been done already. "We have to be more proactive now," said the agency's director. "We'll cover human interest stories, more sport, more features." Poor man, whistling in the dark. There ought to be a proverb about the side-effects of a good wind.

Back in India (where else?), a full moon brought fun and dancing to the people of Gujarat, but in **Spices of India** Madhur Jaffrey wisely avoided the riot of hurled pink and yellow paint powder, and rustled up some authentic snacks. The Gujarati cuisine is so strictly vegetarian that it eschews all root vegetables — and if you can't work that out, neither could I, but it's because digging up onions can do damage to worms and such. Don't tell G.F. Newman, he'll have a breakdown. There is some religious objection to wheat, too. But the point is: restricted mainly to beans and lentils, black peppercorns ("Look at them pop!") and curry leaves (*fizz, boil*), the Gujaratis easily refute Jonathan Meades's contention last week in *Without Walls* that vegetarians lead a life of unrelieved dreariness.

The pleasure of this series is not so much the recipes (which lose me after the pop and fizz): for me, it's the stupendous images of spices in quantity. Years ago, in a location report from David Lean's *A Passage to India*, I remember seeing how heaps of coloured sand were used in place of spices — the authentic reds and yellows being too expensive. But Jaffrey shows us red chillis spread out to the depth and extent of a bouncy castle; black peppercorns covering an area the size of a tennis court. At least, I hope that's what she's doing. How sad if there are heaps of sand under these chillis (no!), and the poor little saps in Viewerland have been duped all over again.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (27080)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (95166202)

9.05 Kilroy (s) (5217573)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7602554) **10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days** (r). (Ceefax) (8619757)

10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick. Weekday family magazine presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen (s) (7954221)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1460912) **12.05pm Pebble Mill** with Ross King (s) (7236825) **12.55 Regional News** (Ceefax) and weather (15869931)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (13738)

1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (77513405) **1.50 Going for Gold.** Henry Kelly introduces eight new contestants at the start of the third heat of his international general knowledge quiz (s) (77517221)

2.15 Alias Smith and Jones. Light-hearted western adventures starring Ben Murphy and Pete Duel (r) (3999221) **Wales:** Knots Landing

3.05 NEW **More of ... Glynn Christian's Entertaining Microwave** (s) (5670467)

3.20 Brilliant Gardens. In the last of the series, Rula Lenska visits Wisley (6810757)

3.30 Popeye Double Bill (r) (2984047) **3.45 Sick as a Parrot** (s) (2972202) **4.00 Jackanory.** Henrietta Branford's *Dimanche Diller* (s) (4288573) **4.10 Potsworth and Co** (r) (6234931) **4.35 The Really Wild Show** with Chris Packham, Michaela Strachan and Howie Watkins. (Ceefax) (s) (1505115)

5.00 Newsround (2200399) **5.05 The Biz.** Serial following the lives and loves of the pupils of the Markov School of Dance and Drama. (Ceefax) (s) (6006047)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (619844)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (283)

6.30 Regional news magazines (863)

7.00 This Is Your Life. Another unsuspecting worthy is surprised by Michael Aspel. (Ceefax) (s) (7660)

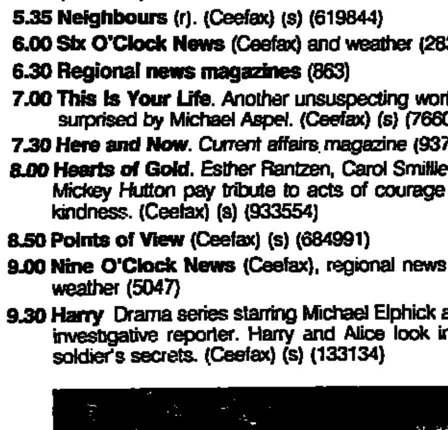
7.30 Here and Now. *Current affairs magazine* (937)

8.00 Hearts of Gold. Esther Rantzen, Carol Smillie and Mickey Hutton pay tribute to acts of courage and kindness. (Ceefax) (s) (933554)

8.50 Points of View (Ceefax) (s) (684991)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5047)

9.30 Harry Drama series starring Michael Elphick as an investigative reporter. Harry and Alice look into a soldier's secrets. (Ceefax) (s) (133134)



Michelle Kenny rebuilds her life (10.20pm)

10.20 CHOICE **A Comic Relief Special: Michelle's Story.** (Ceefax) (450573)

11.00 The Stand Up Show Comedy introduced by Barry Cryer (s) (5172)

11.30 FILM: Heartbreakers (1984) starring Peter Coyote, Nick Mancuso and Carole Laure. A frustrated artist and his feckless friend search for the meaning of life. Directed by Bobby Roth (741028)

1.05am Weather (1637887)

BBC2

6.20am Open University: Exams (7176950) **6.45** Poetry (2939134) **7.10** Modern Art (5212080) **7.35** Mental Handicap (5822405)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (6596115)

8.15 Westminster On-Line(4084738)

9.00 Daytime on Two: Quinze Minutes (5358080) **9.15** Focus (7991863) **9.25** Study Ireland (5368467) **9.45** Storytime (5433641) **10.00-10.25** Playdays (8620863) **10.25** Watch: Homes across Europe (1767047) **10.40** Around Scotland (4975283) **11.00** Cats' Eyes (6308283) **11.15** Ghostwriter (777196) **11.45** Developing World (9119689) **12.10** The Geography Programme (5972370) **12.30** Working Lunch (65554) **1.00** The German Collection (57825641) **1.25** Zig Zag (87529283) **1.45** You and Me (25192931) **2.00** The Greedysaurus Gang (65741931) **2.05** Spider (65740202)

2.10 Songs of Praise (r) (Ceefax) (s) (1300739) **2.45 Treasures of the Trust** (r) (4573432)

3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster with Nick Ross** (4102047) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (8884641)

4.00 Today's the Day (s) (776) **4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** (s) (660)

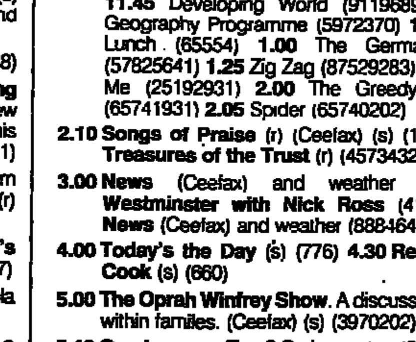
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. A discussion on conflict within families. (Ceefax) (s) (3970202)

5.40 One Lump or Two? Series on tea (686641)

6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. Science-fiction adventures. (Ceefax) (s) (513028)

6.45 Natural Born Footballers. A profile of Denis Law. (Ceefax) (s) (109283).

7.00 CHOICE **Churchill: Renegade and Turncoat** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6641)



A tantalising look at snakes (8.00pm)

8.00 Magic Animals The real and mythological lives of snakes. (Ceefax) (s) (4950)

8.30 University Challenge The first semi-final pits Trinity College, Cambridge, against Aberdeen University. (Ceefax) (s) (7347)

9.00 CHOICE **Modern Times: Death on Request.** (Ceefax) (s) (2825)

10.00 Room 101. Bob Monkhouse on the people, places and things he dislikes most (r). (Ceefax) (s) (40757)

10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (786028)

11.15 The Late Show (s) (657844)

11.55 Weather (967496)

12.00 Environments *Forest Futures* (8640697)

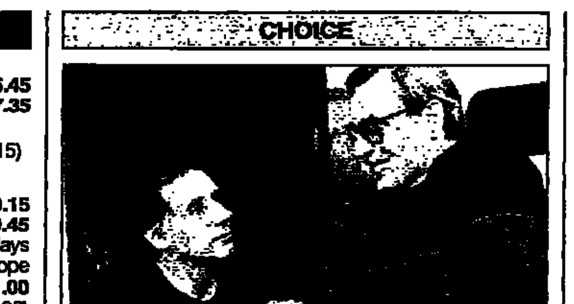
12.50am The Record (s) (3774210). Ends at **1.15**

2.00-3.30 Night School: Teaching Today. (70535)

4.00-4.15 BBC Select: Benefits Agency Today (13243158)

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CHOICE



Cees (right) has chosen to die (BBC2, 9.00pm)

Modern Times: Death on Request
BBC2, 9.00pm

A documentary from Holland, notable for its sensitivity and objective handling of a contentious subject, claims to offer the first portrayal on television of a mercy killing. Cees is in his early sixties and fatally ill with a degenerative disease which is attacking his nerves and muscles. Unable to speak and deeply depressed, he decides to take advantage of the Dutch law on euthanasia. The cameras follow him to the end, recording the unfailing devotion of his wife, Anthoinette, and the rigorous procedures that must be followed before the doctor can administer the fatal injection. Although Dr van Oijen says he has no doubts about euthanasia in principle, he still worries about killing another human being. He goes home exhausted but he will still be unable to sleep.

A Comic Relief Special: Michelle's Story
BBC1, 10.20pm

For ten years Michelle Kenny from Belfast was heavily addicted to drugs. She knew if she did not kick the habit she would be dead by 30. Two years ago she decided to stop and in this video diary she charts her attempt to rebuild her life. Central to her rehabilitation is an alcohol and drug-free bar funded by *Comic Relief*. The process is hard and painful and Michelle leans heavily on the support of Arthur, another former addict, and her boyfriend, Jim. In one of the film's most powerful sequences Michelle screws up courage to return to a rave for the first time in two years. In the car afterwards, she admits tearfully that she was scared to let herself go. There are more tears to come in this rough-edged and starkly honest account.

Dispatches
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The CVS (chronic vilius sampling test) is widely given to pregnant women to reassure them about the health of their babies. It was introduced in the early 1980s to detect Down's syndrome and other conditions likely to affect the babies of older women. But this report suggests that the test may lead to limb and facial deformities in the child. Among women apparently affected as a result of CVS, one had an abortion after discovering the legs and one hand of the foetus were deformed, another gave birth to a son with severe facial damage and a third has a child with three shortened fingers and half her left foot missing. The programme claims that many hospitals fail to alert expectant mothers to the risks involved in CVS tests.

Churchill: Renegade and Turncoat
BBC2, 7.00pm

First shown in 1992, Martin Gilbert's television life of Winston Churchill follows the method of his multi-volume biography. Gilbert is an historian who *accumulates and sorts the evidence and presents it* largely without comment. The result is workmanlike and reliable but without the dazzle of, say, an A. J. P. Taylor. The first film covers, at a gallop, Churchill's life until he became Prime Minister in May 1940. It is the story of an unhappy childhood and a bumpy political career which finally came good when Britain needed a saviour. The facts may not be new but they are usefully embellished by testimony from Churchill's family and secretaries. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (7675009)

9.25 Chain Letters (s) (3003641) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8607912)

10.00 The Time ... the Place (s) (7732592)

10.35 This Morning. Weekday family magazine (26399863) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1466196)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (2945979)

12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (2913370) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (57837486)

1.55 Capital Woman. A report on a computer system which can give an accurate portrayal of how a range of new hairstyles would look (35707979) **2.25 A Country Practice.** Kate and Harry prepare for their fairy-tale wedding (s) (74567660)

2.50 Blue Heelers (7085134) **3.20 ITN News** headlines (Teletext) (6814573) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6813844)

3.30 Alphabet Castle (r) (s) (2988863) **3.40 Wizadora** (r) (s) (8882283) **3.50 Talespin** (r) (s) (8492221) **4.20 Brill.** John Eccleston presents a new series. (Teletext) (s) (8911399) **4.40 Cone Zone.** New six-part comedy-drama. (Teletext) (s) (9869757)

5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating (Teletext) (6090486)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (976776)

5.55 Your Shout (880486)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (979)

6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (931)

7.00 Wish You Were Here ... ? Mike Reid and wife Shirley go golfing in South Carolina; Anna Walker reports from Llandudno in North Wales; and Judith Chalmers takes a hovercraft to France and explores the countryside around Paris. (Teletext) (s) (9028)



Helen Worth and Sean Wilson (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. There's trouble in store for Gail and Martin (Teletext) (115)

8.00 FILM: Arachnophobia (1990) starring Jeff Daniels, Harley Jane Kozak and John Goodman. A new small-town doctor's patients are dropping like flies. It soon dawns on him that the culprits are a breed of killer spiders and he must overcome his terror of arachnids and destroy them. Directed by Frank Marshall (3931)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (37283)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (443573)

10.40 Champions League Highlights. Bob Wilson introduces highlights from tonight's quarter-final, second-leg matches (447134)

11.40 Magnum starring Tom Selleck as the laid-back detective (738283)

12.40 Alien Nation starring Gary Graham and Eric Pierpoint (s) (1964158)

1.35 Hollywood Report (s) (2021061)

2.05 The Beat with Gary Crowley (s) (6723516)

3.00 The Album Show featuring Celine Dion (s) (9467326)

4.05 Shift (2036784)

4.55 The Time ... the Place (r) (s) (7553239)

5.30 ITN Morning News (84546). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Spiff and Hercules (2933950)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (r) (36689)

9.00 The Morning Line: The Cheltenham Festival. Previewing the day's racing (47660)

9.30 Schools. Living and Growing (5301912) **9.46** Talk, Write and Read (5324863) **10.02** Stage Two Science (6974047) **10.18** The Jacobites (6953554) **10.40** Living with Technology (4781757) **10.55** Film and Video Showcase (6113370) **11.05** Encyclopaedia Galactica (6765950) **11.15** The Music Show (6316202) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (4948979) **11.45** First Edition (s) (4936134)

12.00 House to House. Maya Even discusses politics. (34196)

12.30pm Sesame Street. Queen Latifah is the guest, with I, O and the number two. (10757)

1.30 Channel 4 Racing: The Cheltenham Festival. Live coverage of the **2.15, 2.50, 3.30** and **4.05** races (s) (403047)

4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (888)

5.00 Ricki Lake: Families Separated at Birth. Ricki's guests agree to meet the children they gave up. (Teletext) (s) (8935689)

5.50 Terrytoons (870009)

6.00 All American Girl: Young at Heart. Grandma finds the man of her dreams. (Teletext) (s) (221)

6.30 Boy Meets World: Me and Mr Joad. Cory fights for his rights as a student. (Teletext) (s) (573)

7.00 Channel 4 News Followed by Weather. (Teletext) (720776)

7.50 The Slot. Viewers' opinions. (788134)

8.00 Brookside. The growing hostility between Jacqui and Beth erupts on the Parade. (Teletext) (s) (6318)



Dutch treat for Darren and Anthony (8.30pm)

8.30 The Real Holiday Show. Two gay friends from Sheffield take a trip to Holland, a young couple visit New Orleans, and a ten-year-old boy goes to Corfu with his family and reports from the swimming pool. Presented by Gaby Roslin. (Teletext) (s) (5825)

9.00 CHOICE **Dispatches.** (Teletext) (940370)

9.45 Out of Order. Sarah Kent and Giles Auty disagree on the subject of modern art. (Teletext) (222554)

10.00 ER. American hopsital drama series. Benton and Langworthy compete for a fellowship while Ross and Hathaway's attraction grows. Starring Eriq La Salle, Tyra Ferrell, George Clooney and Julianna Margulies. (Teletext) (s) (4680)

11.00 Channel 4 Racing: The Cheltenham Festival. A review of the day's action (s) (3202)

11.30 Moviewatch. A look at *Disclosure* and an interview with Kevin Bacon. (r) (s) (346486)

12.05am The White Room. Music programme in Dolby Surround Sound, featuring Stevie Wonder. (r) (s) (2841239)

1.05 The Django Legacy. A portrait of jazz guitarist Django Reinhart. (s) (8177852)

2.10 FILM: The Loves of Carmen (1948). Rita Hayworth stars as the passionate, amoral gypsy whose charms lure dragoon Glenn Ford into her arms. Directed by Charles Vidor. Ends at **3.50** (897142)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News (8607912) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News (1466196) **1.55** A Country Practice (77501660) **2.20** Gardening Time (74559641) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7085134) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (6813844) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (6090486) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (861202) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (443573) **11.40** The Equalizer (314775) **12.35am-1.35** The Album Show (2022413) **2.05** America's Top Ten (7389968) **2.35** Shift (7395351) **3.25** The Little Picture Show (3142603) **4.20** Nile Bites (61948326) **4.30** The Time ... the Place (66974) **5.00-5.30** The Munsters Today (51500)

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (8607912) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (1466196) **1.55** A Country Practice (77501660) **2.20** Garden-ing Time (74559641) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7085134) **3.25-3.30** Central News (6813844) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (6090486) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (861202) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (443573) **11.40-12.40pm** Central Sports Special (738283) **3.55am** Profile (59986500) **4.05** Jobfinder (7411603) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (7027968)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55 Shortland Street (2913370) **1.25** Home and Away (87547689) **2.50-1.50** Highway to Heaven (6946979) **2.50-3.20** Coronation Street (7085134) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (6090486) **6.25** Granada Tonight (861202) **7.00-7.30** Wish You Were Here ...? (9028) **8.00** Arachnophobia (3931) **10.00** News at Ten, Weather (37283) **10.30** Granada News (7065541) **10.35** Being There (244283) **11.05** Champions League Highlights (315931) **12.10am** Disaster Chronicles (4392622) **12.40** Alien Nation (1964158) **1.35** Hollywood Report (2021061) **2.05** The Beat (6723516) **3.00** The Album Show (9467326) **4.05** Shift (2036784) **4.55-5.30** The Time ... the Place (7553239)

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.55-10.00 HTV West Headlines (8607912) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West News and Weather (1466196) **1.55** Good Advice Good Health! (35707979) **2.25** Good Advice Good Health! **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (74559912) **3.25-3.30** HTV West Headlines (7931115) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (6813844) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (931) **10.30-10.40** HTV West Headlines and Weather (6090486) **11.40-12.40pm** MacGyver (443573) (738283)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 1.55-2.25 Lungs for Workers (35707979) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (931) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News and Weather (443573)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (77501660) **2.20** Getaways (74559641) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (7085134) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (6090486) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (979) **6.30-7.00** The Village (931) **12.35am-1.35** The Album Show (2022413) **2.05** America's Top Ten (7389968) **2.35** Shift (7395351) **3.25** The Little Picture Show (3142603) **4.20** Nile Bites (61948326) **4.30** The Time ... the Place (66974) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (51500)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 1.55 High Road (35707979) **2.25-2.55** Great House Cookery (74559912) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (6090486) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (77399) **11.40-12.40pm** The Equalizer (738283)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (77501660) **2.20** The Restaurant Show (74559641) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (7085134) **3.25-3.30** Calendar News **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (6090486) **5.55** Calendar (165405) **6.30-7.00** Crosswits (931) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News and Weather (443573) **11.40** Cherry 2000 (488047) **1.25am** Hollywood Report (4459142) **1.55** Videofashion (5082061) **2.25** The Album Show (6732264) **3.25** Noisy Mothers (3142603) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (6078239)

S4C

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (36689) **9.00** The Morning Line - The Cheltenham (47660) **9.30** Ysgolion/schools (522486) **12.00pm** House To House (34196) **12.30** Slot Meithrin Rala Rwdins (83950) **1.00** Little Miss (39776) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing - The Cheltenham (403047) **4.30** The Cosby Show Theo's Future r (888) **5.00** 5 Pump - Anturiaethau Jini Me r (7096776) **5.15** 5 Pump - Waldo (6887028) **5.30** Countdown (680) **6.00** Newyddion 6/ News (517028) **6.15** Heno (591931) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (2270) **7.30** Nil Am Noson (757) **8.00** Amser Rhyfel Y r Hometront' (6318) **8.30** Newyddion/news (5825) **9.00** Tydi Coleg Yn Gret (8757) **9.30** Rap (70486) **10.00** Brookside (35825) **10.30** E R Another Perfect Day (426641) **11.25** Dispatches (666592) **12.05am** Channel 4 Racing - The Cheltenham (8812332) **12.40** The Golden Girls Till Death Do We Volley (4393142) **1.10** Ellen So Funny (1679351)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (79115) **8.00** The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (77825) **8.30** Blockbusters (76196) **9.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (24405) **10.00** Concentration (23641) **10.30** Card Sharks (89660) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (71776) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (70912) **12.30pm** Anything But Love (10028) **1.00** St Elsewhere (43793) **2.00** If Tomorrow Comes (24370) **3.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (6129863) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (4037931) **3.55** Superhuman Samurai Syber Squad (9694221) **4.30** The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (4080) **5.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (7689) **6.00** Murphy Brown (5573) **6.30** Family Ties (6825) **7.00** Rescue (8318) **7.30** M*A*S*H (2009) **8.00** RoboCop Sci-fi spin-off with Richard Eden (49554) **10.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (68689) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (936738) **11.50** Littlejohn (628467) **12.40am** Chances (3222652) **1.30** WKRP in Cincinnati (31351) **2.00** Hit Mix Long Play (8411608)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour

6.00am Sunrise (1440467) **9.30** Entertainment This Week (65370) **10.30** ABC Nightline (87202) **11.00** News and Business (259414) **1.30pm** CBS News (44399) **2.30** Parliament Live (71825) **4.00** News and Business (27844) **5.00** Live at Five (8385757) **6.05** Littlejohn (19346738) **7.30** O J Simpson Trial (2951283) **11.30** CBS News (51234) **12.30am** ABC News (63448) **1.30** Fashion TV (26018) **2.30** Parliament Replay (76559) **4.30** CBS News (59500) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (32806)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (1390467) **10.00 Elvis and the Colonel: The Untold Story** (1992) (14844) **12.00 Ghost in the Noonday Sun** (1973) (38573) **2.00pm The Ladies' Man** (1961) (42641) **4.00 Seven Days in May** (1964) (5221) **6.00 Elvis and the Colonel: The Untold Story** (1992; As 10am) (62405) **8.00 Alive** (1993) (96103950) **10.10 Rapid Fire** (1992) (702844) **11.50 Night Rhythms** (1992) (265919) **1.35am Off and Running** (1990) (9314332) **3.05-4.50 Where It's At** (1969) (16718697)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm The Court Jester (1955) (26009) **8.00 In the Heat of the Night** (1967) (23654) **10.00-12.00 The Getaway** (1972) (90738)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Story of Esther Costello (1957) (62825) **8.00 The Hunchback of Notre Dame** (1985) (72689) **9.00 Puss in Boots** (1983): Cartoon (17115) **10.00 Just Around the Corner** (1938) (3325370) **11.15 Stand Up and Cheer** (1934) (7320221) **12.25pm Mutiny on the Buses** (1973) (557399) **2.00 Greyhounds** (1993) (40283) **4.00 The Hunchback of Notre Dame** (1985): As 8am (12912) **5.00 Puss in Boots** (1983): As 9am (9329) **6.00 Little Heroes** (1991) (77216) **7.30 Special Feature: Robert De Niro** (8047) **8.00 David's Mother** (1994) (65592) **10.00 Accidental Hero** (1992) (32776) **12.00 Folks!** (1992) (925897) **1.50am Equinox** (1993) (213245) **3.40-5.10 The Babysitter** (1980) (62374451)

● **For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (4759283) **7.15** WWF Superstars (823009) **8.15** Soccer News (2772912) **8.30** The Footballers' Football Show (70931) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (50221) **10.00** Snooker: Kloster Open (47757) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (30793) **12.30pm** US Grand Prix Athletics (81844) **1.30** International Cricket. West Indies v Australia, live (14212405) **5.15** WWF Challenge (157738) **6.15** Soccer News (688115) **6.30** Get Your Handicap Down (5793) **7.00** The Rugby Club (98844) **8.00** International Cricket. West Indies v Australia, live (84038592) **9.45** Fish Tales (302399) **10.00** Soccer News (156793) **10.15** NBA Basketball (443467) **12.15am** Get Your Handicap Down (986806) **12.45** The Rugby Club (936061) **1.45-2.00** Fish Tales (9122245)

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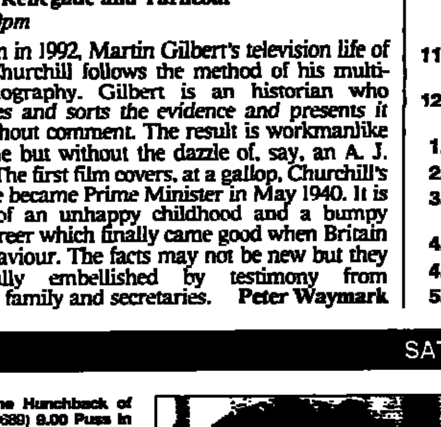
7.30am Euroski (46080) **8.30** Live Alpine Skiing (89405) **10.00** Nordic Skiing (14738) **11.30** Live Alpine Skiing (47689) **1.00pm** Football (56028) **2.30** Eurotennis (48318) **3.30** Equestrianism (18486) **4.30** Live Nordic Skiing (6547641) **5.45** Alpine Skiing (155824) **6.30** News (5979) **7.00** Boxing (27979) **9.00** Motors Magazine (89196) **10.00** Trails (82283) **11.00** Equestrianism (16863) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (73177)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (4292009) **8.30** Peyton Place (4284080) **9.00** As the World Turns (4407738) **10.00** Guiding Light (9794825) **11.00-12.00** Another World (9714689)

SKY TRAVEL

12.30pm Zoo Life (1411950) **1.00** Roads to Freedom (9718405) **1.30** Cook Italian (1410221) **2.00** California's Gold (7074844)



Accidental Hero Dustin Hoffman (Movie Channel 10.00pm)

2.30 Ticket to Paradise (4847950) **3.00** Discover America (4728115) **4.00** Sky Travel Guide (4838202) **4.30** Zoo Life with Jack Hanna (4834486) **5.00** Cruising the Globe (7085196) **5.30** Cook Italian (4825738) **6.00** Australia (4855979) **6.30** Florida (4839931) **7.00** Journey to Australia's Inland Sea (5717318) **8.00** Around the World in 30 Minutes (7054080) **8.30** Travel Guide (7073115) **9.00** Australia (4736134) **9.30** Video Trips — Florida (1408486) **10.00** Australia's Inland Sea (5716699) **11.00** Cruising the Globe (4748979) **11.30-12.00** California's Gold (4363486)

TLC

9.00am Painting (2075912) **9.30** Madeleine Cooks (5293028) **10.00** J'Accuse Dame Edna (2014486) **10.30** Only Human (3657554) **11.15** Draw with Don (95411979) **11.30** Before the Law (3967711) **12.00** Practical Guides (5216979) **1.00pm** Madeleine Cooks (8675950) **1.30** Painting (5298115) **2.00** Jimmy's (2177405) **2.30** Cash in Hand (1123283) **3.00** Herbs (2156912) **3.30-4.00** Vet's Life (1135028)

UK GOLD

7.00am Give Us a Clue (8652009) **7.30** Neighbours (8664844) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2094047) **8.30** EastEnders (2093318) **9.00** The Bill (2077370) **9.30** Campion (5096554) **10.30** When the Boat Comes In (1384047) **11.30** Terry and June (7662329) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2097134) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5299202) **1.00** EastEnders (8644080) **1.30** The Bill (5298573) **2.00** Bless This House (2179863) **2.30** Brush Strokes (1125641) **3.00** Knots Landing (3062365) **4.00** Dallas (4517450) **5.00** Every Second Counts (9867134) **5.35** Dick Emery (2968414) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (4953863) **6.30** EastEnders (1140950) **7.00** Brush Strokes (2180979) **7.30** Bless This House (1146134) **8.00** Adrian Mole (2166399) **8.30** Carry On Laughing (2178134) **9.00** Miss Marple (9875592) **10.00** The Bill (2098863) **10.30** Top of the Pops (7796318) **11.10** The Young Ones (5786776) **11.50** Dr Who (6199825) **12.20am** FILM: Five Came Back (1939): A plane crashes in the jungle (73454622) **1.40** Candid Camera (38515622) **2.10** Shopping

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (6139283) **6.55** Garfield (7606757) **7.25** Eek (8694318) **7.55** Degrassi (5089270) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (4545844) **8.45** Casper (1752047) **9.00** Sesame Street (97399) **10.00** Droibee Time (81115) **12.00** Garfield (49641) **12.30pm** Eek (72467) **1.00** Beverly Hills Teens (37931) **1.30** Super Mario (83633573) **1.45** Baby Follies (83638028) **2.00** Barney (8216) **2.30** Babar (7738) **3.00** Casper (1875592) **3.15** Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventures (752912) **3.45** Sonic (751283) **4.15** Head to Head (1471115) **4.30-5.00** California Dreams (2842)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Nickalive! (4757825) **7.15** Pee-Wee (897047) **7.45** Rugrats (898318) **8.15** Doug (955912) **8.45** Nickalive! (8482592) **9.00** Nick Jr (634080) **12.00** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (30775) **12.30pm** The Muppet Show (69979) **1.00** Smoggies (62660) **1.30** Galaxy High School (51950) **2.00** Alvin (6738) **2.00** Henry's Cat (68738) **3.00** Grimmy (8573) **3.30** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (8689) **4.00** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (7196) **4.30** Rugrats (6080) **5.00** Clarissa (6478) **5.30** Odyssey (4080) **6.00** Doug (7573) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (8825)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Waterways (1147863) **4.30** Held in Trust (1143047) **5.00** Treasure Hunters (2168757) **5.30** Terra X (8907573) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (4558028) **7.00** Predators (9877950) **8.00** Invention (2157641) **8.30** Nature Watch (2178776) **9.00** Magic or Medicine? (9873134) **10.00** Submarines (9876221) **11.00-12.00** Giotto (8669399)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Serious Charge (1962): A young vicar is falsely accused of a homosexual attack. With Anthony Quayle (2021776) **2.00pm** The Avengers (2002641) **3.00** Rat Patrol (2150738) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (1122554) **4.00** FILM: Serpent Island (1954): Pilots crashland on a mysterious Caribbean island (33572757) **5.10** Behave Yourself (8655641) **6.00** Garry Shandling (1128738) **6.30** Cannon (1322863) **7.30** Scotland Yard (1131202) **8.00** The Avengers (9857196) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (7358282) **9.30** FILM: Chastity (1969). Cher as a teenager searching for a more meaningful life (5851134) **11.30-12.00** Hogan's Heroes (2007196)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (6053844) **7.00** Living (8551202) **8.00** Signs of the Times (9295383) **8.30** Rendezvous (6403404) **9.00** Bazaar (9930216) **9.30** Kate and Allie (7338370) **10.05** Now You See It (7968806) **10.30** Susan Powter (4035680) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (7072757) **12.00** Take Six Cooks (6435047) **12.35pm** Rendezvous (48212825) **1.05** Kilroy (8265370) **2.00** Agony Hour (1952318) **3.00** Living (7641080) **3.45** Gladrags (65141825) **4.00** Infatuation UK (9275399) **4.30** Crosswits (9264283) **5.00** A Taste of Wales (3497196) **5.35** Mr and Mrs (7004776) **6.05** Susan Powter (8337950) **6.30** Infatuation (9276028) **7.00** Living (9718202) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (9727950) **9.00** Cagney and Lacey (9714486) **10.00** Charlie's Angels (9717573) **11.00** Sex Life (1580080) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (1940573)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Dangermouse (4776) **5.30** Cliff Hanger (1554) **6.00** The Big Dish (968738) **6.25** All Clued Up (581699) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (4912) **7.30** My Two Dads (1931) **8.00** Road To Avonlea (25912) **9.00** The Ruth Rendell Mystery Movie: No More Dying Then (35399) **11.00** Lou Grant (14080) **12.00** Rhoda (21559) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (78159) **1.00** Dangermouse (96784) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (34567) **2.00** Bordertown (12239) **2.30** The Black Stallion (97974) **3.00** Lou Grant (89023) **4.00** Rhoda (32149) **4.30-5.00** Big Brother Jake (80177)

MTV

5.00am Wildside (39887) **6.30** The Grind (10776) **7.00** Wildside (46202) **8.00** VJ Ingo (557467) **11.00** Soul (35573) **12.00** Hits (86660) **1.00pm** Snowball (260134) **3.30** Report (8342781) **3.45** Cinematic (5821216) **4.00** News (1483950) **4.15** 3 from 1 (1473573) **4.30** Dial MTV (2660) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (62592) **7.00** Hits (41950) **8.00** Most Wanted (54196) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (94689) **10.00** Report (538912) **10.15** Cinematic (533467) **10.30** News (256009) **10.45** 3 from 1 (277592) **11.00** The End? (65937) **1.00am** Soul (85697) **2.00** The Grind (14697) **2.30** Videos

VH-1

7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (9717776) **9.00** Café (8039738) **12.00** The Bridge (1409115) **1.00pm** VH-1 to 1 (9710863) **1.30** Ten of the Best (9434660) **2.30** Heart and Soul (3519738) **3.30** Into the Music (5686329) **6.00** Prime Cuts (1405399) **7.00** VH-1 for You (5719776) **8.00** Soul (5795196) **9.00** Ten of the Best (5708660) **10.00** The Bridge (5718047) **11.00** VH-1 to 1. Elvis Costello (4717009) **11.30** The Nightfly (4404641) **1.30am** Ten of the Best (5513142) **2.30** Dawn Patrol

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ZEE TV

7.00am Asian Morning (80351486) **8.30** Kabir (44150660) **9.30** Itta Kitta (81687028) **10.00** Deewane (49049912) **10.30** Tamil Serial: Vedta Vaku (75750318) **11.00** Galactee (34244912) **11.30** Baap Re Baap (34245641) **12.00** Mystery Theatre (75734370) **12.30pm** Khana Khazana (81681844) **1.00** Movie (29926202) **4.00** Mujrim Hazir (78588283) **4.30** Kab Tak Pukaroon (78584467) **5.00** Udan Choo (92231863) **5.30** Dak Ghar (78508047) **6.00** Geane Anjeane (78598660) **6.30** Khel (78589912) **7.00** Zara Hat Ke (92228399) **7.30** Saanp Seedi (78585196) **8.00** News Bulletin (92237047) **8.30** Banegi Apni Baat (92216554) **9.00-12.00** FILM (76933414)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm The Black Legion (1936) (16581221) **9.00 Dirty Dingus Magee** (1970) (78015486) **11.00 The Romance of Rosy Ridge** (1947) (87967979) **12.55am Of Human Hearts** (1938) (57836974) **2.50-5.00 Operator 13** (1934) (43631603)

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Clubs weigh selection dilemma

Arrests plunge football into further chaos

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

AS FOOTBALL'S so-called "season of sleaze" took another turn for the worse with the arrest yesterday of three high-profile players by police investigating allegations of match-fixing, the sport was faced with a mixture of immediate dilemmas and the need for long-term introspection.

For the clubs involved, difficult decisions loomed after dawn raids deprived Southampton of Bruce Grobbelaar and Wimbledon of Hans Segers, temporarily, at least. Provided that they were in a position to be selected, should the goalkeepers play in their clubs' forthcoming fixtures?

For Aston Villa, the problem was less acute. John Fashanu, the striker who was arrested later in the day, had already been ruled out of the rest of the season by injury. These, though, were side issues. The greater pressure lay with the national game's authorities, and they were publicly united in their belief that the sport remains essentially clean. Only time will tell whether their faith has been misplaced.



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The Football Association said it had "every confidence" in the way Hampshire police was conducting its investigations. Of more concern was the image of the sport and the reputation of its players. "We remain convinced that corruption is not rife in our national sport," David Davies, the FA's director of public affairs, said. "To suggest that it is can be no more, no less, than a slur on the integrity of ... professional players who represent clubs up and down the country.

"They resent that slur — they are right to do so. But they also know if there is any hint of corruption in the game, it must be disposed of. That is what the current police investigation is doing."

Likewise, the world governing body urged caution. "We should not rush into the feeling that it is a problem of epidemic proportions when all we have is a few allegations which are not yet proven," Keith Cooper, a Fifa official, said. "It doesn't mean we have to be complacent, but we have to retain a sense of proportion.

"Any incident or alleged incident which reflects negatively on the game is not going to be welcomed. But we are encouraged by the way the English FA is determined to put its house in order."

The players' own body, the Professional Footballers' Association, fell into line. Brendan Batson, its spokesman, admitted being "shocked" by the developments yesterday. "This season has just been a catalogue of bad news for football and now it's taken an even more serious and dramatic turn," he said.

"Our biggest concern is that there is a growing perception that the game is riddled with corruption, and all of us involved in it know that is simply not the case."

The FA, meanwhile, said that it would be up to the clubs whether the players continued to turn out. "We have confidence these decisions will be taken in the best interests of the game," Davis said.

That left Southampton wrestling with the problem of who to play in goal tonight, when they continue their fight against relegation from the FA Carling Premiership with a vital match against their fellow-strugglers, West Ham United, at The Dell.

Lawrie McMenemy, the Southampton director of football, said yesterday: "We will not know if he is free to play against West Ham until information is made available to us. This is up to the police and their inquiries."

Alan Ball, the team manager, said the developments had come "right out of the blue". He added: "I still don't know the full facts or what the next step will be." If he had to select Dave Beasant, Grobbelaar's deputy, he would do so "with complete confidence".

Wimbledon's next game is at home to Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park on Saturday, but Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, said yesterday that he had decided even before Segers's arrest that he would be the club's second-choice goalkeeper for the rest of the season.

Segers was left out of the side that won against Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough last weekend because Kinnear "wanted to have a good look at" Neil Sullivan, the regular No 2. "Now, if Hans is charged, I might have to get another keeper," Kinnear said. "We've only got two keepers, and when I find out what is happening I may need to get cracking. Hopefully, I won't need to. We might be talking about an innocent man. I'm going to talk to Sam [Hammam, the Wimbledon owner] to find out the best way to handle this situation."



Tourist Attraction, left, heads Ventana Canyon at the final flight before sprinting clear to win the opening race. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Novice hurdler crowned new champion

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

ALDERBROOK carved himself a special niche in racing history yesterday when he became the least-experienced horse for half a century to win the Smurfit Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham.

Trained by Kim Bailey in Upper Lambourn and ridden by Norman Williamson, the six-year-old colt, having only his third race over hurdles, quickened up Cheltenham's famous hill in front of a record crowd to outgun Large Action and Danoli, the joint 4-1 favourites.

The six-year-old colt, who raced once over hurdles in 1992 before flourishing on the Flat, was sent by his owner, Ernie Pick, to Bailey just two months ago and had just one race at Wincanton in February prior to lining up yesterday for the hurdlers' crown.

With tears rolling down his face, Bailey said: "I thought we hadn't an earthly chance of getting here when I got the horse. It was an unbelievable performance."

The victory of the 11-2 shot, a first at the Festival for both his trainer and jockey, interrupted Ireland's great start to the meeting.

The aptly named Tourist Attraction, an unfancied 25-1 shot, set the ball rolling when winning the opening Citroën Supreme Novices Hurdle. Less than an hour later, the Irish trained duo of Klairon Davis and Sound Man fought out a thrilling finish to the Guinness Arkle Chase. Klairon Davis, the 7-2 favourite, prevailing by a head.

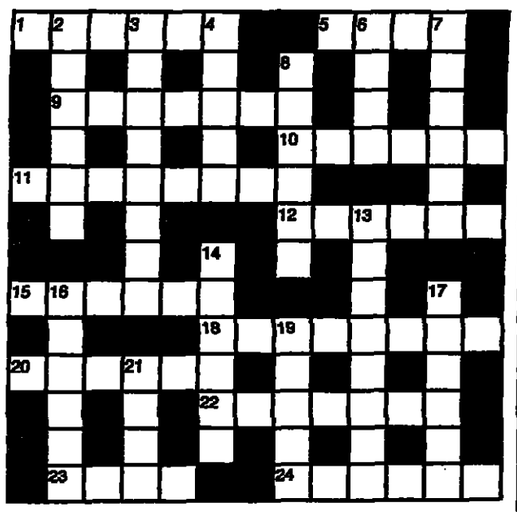
The success of the Cheltenham Festival knows no bounds and 42,875 spectators — 6,000 more than last year — were drawn to Prestbury Park yesterday. The most competitive Champion Hurdle for years also produced record betting turnover with an estimated £10 million being invested on the race.

Adrian Maguire, who attended the funeral of his mother in Ireland yesterday, has decided not to ride at Cheltenham today where Charlie Swan will deputise for him on last year's winner, Viking Flagship, in the Queen Mother Champion Chase. Sir Andrew and Lady Lloyd Webber, who have suffered more than their fair share of setbacks as racehorse owners were recovering yesterday from the news that Raymylette, an outstanding chasing prospect, died on Monday night during an operation for a worsening intestinal condition.

But the lasting memory of yesterday will be Alderbrook's historic win and the sportsmanship displayed by Oliver Sherwood, trainer of Large Action, as he congratulated the winning trainer. "Well done, you've just lost you place in the Lambourn cricket team."

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ACROSS
1 Adjudicators (6)
5 Day fatal to Caesar (4)
9 Origin (7)
10 — Pepys, Morse, Weller (6)
11 Short, thin strips (of veg) (8)
12 Man of learning (6)
15 *Mikado* suicide bird (6)
18 Protestor (8)
20 With less feeling: magazine issue (6)
22 Crossbreed (7)
23 Girl: pity (obs.) (4)
24 Spartan serfs (6)

DOWN
2 Peel off (what was stuck) (6)
3 Shoot-out (8)
4 Girl: lazy, as tray (5)
6 Condemnation (4)
7 Moveable partition (6)
8 Calculate the worth of (6)
13 Instinctive (feeling) (8)
14 Wild (of weather) (6)
16 Of the eye (6)
17 Miscellany (3,3)
19 Bringer of bad luck (esp. aboard) (5)
21 Escape hastily: roll of cloth (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 419

ACROSS: 1 Space 7 Asunder 8 Chamfer 9 Bribery 11 Opiate 13 Exclusive 15 Bethlehem 19 Fiscal 21 Bermuda 23 Grinned 24 Hoplite 25 Uncle

DOWN: 1 Secco 2 Adagio 3 En fête 4 Barb 5 Anubis 6 Reprove 10 Relief 12 Extend 14 Develop 16 Humble 17 Milieu 18 Scenic 20 Lodge 22 Aged

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Reinstatement cleared by board

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) finally pushed ajar yesterday the century-old door that prevented rugby league players returning to play rugby union. At its annual council meeting in Bristol, the board agreed that professional players could ask for active reinstatement to the amateur code after a three-year stand-down.

The fact that various Australians and Brett Iti, the Auckland scrum half, had already sneaked through, will make it less epoch-making in the southern hemisphere, but, for such players as Stuart Evans, the decision provoked immediate reaction.

Evans, 31, who has taken out a statement of claim against the IRFB in pursuit of his ambition to play rugby union again, signed for St Helens after winning nine caps in the Wales front row. Now, the former Swansea and Neath prop wants to take immediate advantage of the redrafted regulation and play before this season ends.

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He left St Helens in 1991 and returned to Neath. "I'm still looking at it with a bit of scepticism. I want to see it in black and white," Evans said. "I have faxed the IRFB and the Welsh Rugby Union, and, as soon as they inform me I'm free to play again, I will get a game in. I want to start at a low level in west Wales, but I'm totally unsure about my long-term club future."

Even were he to rediscover the form that made him such an exciting prospect as a prop in the mid-Eighties, Evans would still be barred from playing international rugby. He also believes that there should be no stand-down period, a point that was taken up by David Hinchcliffe, the joint secretary to the Parliamentary Rugby League Group. Hinchcliffe, the member for Wakefield and whose group seeks a free gangway between the codes, said: "The proposed sentence for playing rugby league roughly equates with that for gross indecency or grievous bodily harm. Rugby union is the only sport practising such bigoted discrimination and it cannot be allowed to continue in a free society.

"Once the National Heritage select committee has completed its inquiry into relations between the two codes, I can promise, in the light of today's announcement, that MPs from all parties will be stepping up the parliamentary fight on this issue."

Smith sets sights on Whitbread triumph

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

LAWRIE SMITH threw down the gauntlet to British industry yesterday to back him in an all-out campaign to win the next Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race.

"The start may be 2½ years away but we have got to begin planning now, testing new designs, if Britain is to stand any chance of winning the 1997 race," Smith said yesterday.

Last year, in the most recent 33,000-mile race, he finished a close second on the way setting a succession of record 24-hour runs through the Southern Ocean.

"The Whitbread is the race to win. With a decent campaign, I know my team has the skill and experience to win," he said.

The race director and chief executive, Ian Bailey-Willmot, welcomed Smith's registration, the 25th received for the 1997-98 event. "I am absolutely delighted at Lawrie's decision to return yet again, particularly in a time frame which will give him every chance of achieving victory."

Smith, 39, from Hampshire, skippered the British maxi, *Rothmans*, to fourth in the 1990 Whitbread race and took over the European entry, *Intrum Justitia*, at the start of the second leg of the 1993 event. Of the remaining five legs, *Intrum Justitia* won the two toughest, in the Southern Ocean, and improved her position from fifth to second overall.

The United States yesterday issued the strongest challenge yet to win the Mumm Admiral's Cup series off Cowes starting on July 27. Their team includes the United States yachtsman of the year, Ken Read, sailing Dave Clarke's latest Bruce Farr-designed 40-footer, *The Year of the Pigs*. It also boasts *Blue Yankee*, owned by Robert Towse, and the Mumm 36, *No Problem*, skippered by Jim Brady, now racing alongside Dennis Conner in the America's Cup defence trials.

League finals offer conflict of interest

BY COLIN MCQUILLAN

THE British men's squash championship in Sheffield next month may have been reduced to a second-level event by events in the Super Squash League. Welshback Wizards' 2-1 victory over Ellis Stockbrokers Lingfield in the last league fixture of the season put the defending champions into the championship play-offs on their own courts at Bristol over the weekend of April 7-8, but it will have a serious effect on the national, which is due to be played over the same period.

Wizards include Del Harris and Jason Nicolle, of England, among their top players, as well as the Wales No 1, Adrian Davies. The league leaders, Cannons Club, who finished a record-breaking undefeated season by beating Rackets 2-1 on Monday, will certainly include the British champion, Peter Marshall, the Scottish champion, Peter Nicol, and the Englishmen, Simon Parke and Tony Hands, in their squad.

The second-placed club, ICL Lion Herts, will call on Chris Walker and Mark Challoner, while Ogmore Valley Dragons gained third place with a small squad entirely dependant on Mark Cairns and Philip Whitlock.

That could leave Paul Johnson, of Kent, the Rackets' club first-string and England No 8, as the highest ranked men's seed in the national championship. Two former champions — Paul Gregory, of Surrey, and Paul Carter, of Hertfordshire — could find themselves among the top seeds again and even Gawain Briars, the British champion in 1979 and 1982, who at present blends club squash with belated law studies in Nottingham, might chase an extraordinary third title instead of prizes at age-group competition level.

The women's national championship will not be affected by the competitive scheduling of the Super Leagues play-offs.

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